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American Legion provides holiday dinners to Westover personnel

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

Agawam's American Legion Post 185 served 1,000 Thanksgiving dinners to 439 Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS) at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee on Tuesday, November 20th according to American Legion Post 185 Bar Manager Kristine (Tina) Henson.

The interview started with Ms. Henson, who is also part of Post 185's Auxiliary, showing *The Advertiser News* pictures of the enormous cooking grills that Slim Stepanik cooked 1,000 dinners on, including all the "fixings."

Stepanik, who also cooks at Agawam's Polish American Club, donated his time and equipment to

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Young blasts School Committee for delay of all-day kindergarten

by Hope E. Tremblay
Municipal Writer

Some School Committee members are still looking for answers to questions that arose from a special task force's proposal for four additional all-day kindergarten classes, while at least one member of Town Council blames the School Committee for not helping prevent those questionable gaps in the first place.

"It's appalling," said Town Council Vice President Robert Young. "I understand that the proposal was bad, but did any of them take steps to make it better in the beginning?"

The task force, comprised of teachers, parents and School Committee members, presented a proposal to add the classes, which would bring the number of students served in all-day kindergarten from 60 to 140 at a cost of more than \$200,000. The proposal was defeated in a 3-3 tie. Member Susan Dawson was absent from the vote.

However, the members who voted against the proposal - Teresa Kozloski, Linda Galarneau and Susan Pettazzoni - said there were several issues that were too great to ignore.

"When we set up the task force, it was to do a study of what we need to provide all-day kindergarten for everyone who wants it," said Mrs. Galarneau. "I felt they abandoned that too quickly. We agreed we wanted it for all children and put together figures on how much it would cost for portable classrooms, then at the next meeting, all of the sudden we're abandoning that plan. It's confusing to me. I felt that we're going backwards."

"But the biggest issue is equity. Granger School

kids, if they're lucky enough to be picked in the lottery, would have to provide their own transportation. I felt [the task force] wasn't even addressing Granger's needs . . . having parents have to transport their kids to other schools is ludicrous," Mrs. Galarneau said.

Currently, each elementary school in the system has one all-day kindergarten class except for Phelps. The proposal called for the addition of two classes at Phelps and one each at Robinson and Clark.

The addition to Robinson would cost about \$61,000; the addition to Clark would be approximately \$66,000; and the classrooms at Phelps would cost nearly \$100,000.

School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso said that they could possibly receive \$15,000 in grant monies for each school.

School Committee members wondered where the rest of the money would come from. Young said that they could have addressed some of the financial questions, among others, months ago.

"Several months ago, I called a finance committee meeting to discuss all-day kindergarten," he said. "And [School Committee members] were upset by that. Of the people who voted no, not one of them was willing to discuss the financial issues, not one was willing to come talk to the council."

Mrs. Galarneau now wants to meet with the council.

"The next step, I think, is we should petition the Town Council, educate them on the needs of the community as a whole and work together," she said.

Young said that should have been done earlier.

"If you believe in it, there's no excuse for a bad proposal," he said. "I tried to be proactive and asked them to talk about it and they were offended."

Now Young is the one who's offended.

"I find it quite offending as a taxpayer, as a parent of kindergarten-aged children, and as someone who can afford to pay for private school," Young said, making reference to a comment made that some parents only want all day kindergarten because they cannot afford an alternative school or daycare.

Young continued, noting that the task force took several months to take action.

"That task force was formed in the spring and to my knowledge didn't even meet until the fall," said Young.

Everyone involved said that no matter what their vote was, they were for all day kindergarten.

"I'm not against all-day kindergarten," Mrs. Galarneau said. "But we need to look down the road instead of spending money on a band-aid approach."

Young had similar thoughts.

"I'm very dismayed at the outcome of the vote - I'm fully in support of all-day kindergarten," said Young. "For years we've underfunded our school system. We do band-aid solutions and never look at the big picture."

Although the proposal was voted down, the committee and Ameruso agreed that one class at Phelps should be written into the 2001-2002 budget so that all schools have one all day kindergarten class.

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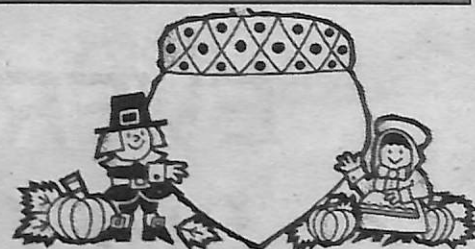
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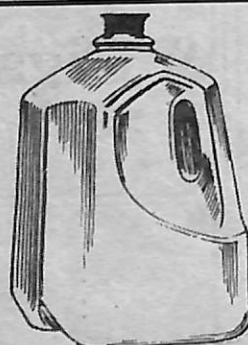
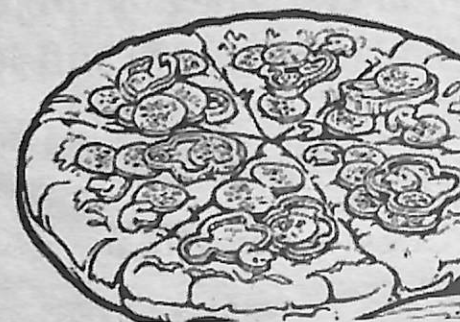
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Letters To The Editor

James Clark PTO thanks area dentists for donation

To the Editor:

The James Clark PTO would like to offer their sincere thanks to the following area dentists, who donated toothbrushes to our Halloween goodie bags this year!

Dr. Michael Calabrese, Dr. Buddy Denison, Dr. Frederic Mackler, Dr. Paul McKenna, Dr. Thomas Morrier, Dr. Susan Plourde, and Dr. Donald Willett.

This added treat was much appreciated by not only the PTO, but the parents at James Clark School as well! Thank you for your support!

The James Clark PTO
Agawam

Anthony Bonavita promises to continue to be a positive voice

To the Editor:

I offer my sincere thanks to my supporters and to the voters of Agawam.

To my supporters, their hard work and encouragement formed a foundation for my re-election campaign. Many people contributed to my campaign and helped me in a variety of ways. I truly appreciate all of their help. While I do not list them all here so as to not miss someone, I would be remiss if I did not mention my campaign chairman, John O'Brien, who did a great job, and Elaine O'Brien, who came up with the slogan, "Save one vote for the last name on the Council Ballot."

To the voters, I will not take for granted the trust you have placed in me. I will continue to be a positive voice for Agawam and to work hard for the citizens of Agawam. Our community will face many serious issues in the next two years. We must continue to listen to the people and to analyze issues in a professional manner. We must calmly work through our differences and reach a consensus. There is more strength in unity.

I am honored to have served and to continue to serve you as a City Councilor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 786-2079 to discuss your thoughts on any issue.

Sincerely,
Anthony C. Bonavita
Agawam City Councilor

Linda Galarneau appreciates residents' vote of confidence

To the Editor:

To the voters of Agawam & Feeding Hills:

A sincere thank you for re-electing me to the School Committee.

I will continue to do my best to uphold your vote of confidence.

Sincerely,
Linda Galarneau
Agawam

Diane Juzba thanks all who supported her

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. I am flattered by the amount of people who had faith in me. I truly appreciate their votes.

I got in the race for School Committee as a parent whose main concern was for our children and our schools. Although I was not elected, my goals will still be a priority to me. I will still be at the School Committee meetings and encouraging them and the community to implement more full-day kindergarten.

I will be asking them to see to the safety issues I

feel should be addressed. I will continue to be an active and involved parent and member of this community.

I would also like to give a special thank you to my wonderful friends and family. Without their endless love, support and patience, I could not have done this. My children and husband, thank you for your love, encouragement, and never-ending patience. My mom and dad, for your long hours of "coaching" and sign-holding, but most of all, your loving support. Thank you to everyone who allowed me to put a sign up in their yard and to my friends and family for their sign-holding on election day.

I am very grateful for all the great people I got to know and for all that I've learned.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Diane Juzba
Agawam

Councilor George Bitzas thanks voters of Agawam

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the Agawam voters for their support. It is greatly appreciated.

I will continue to serve our town and its citizens with honesty and common sense. Working together, we will continue to make Agawam the best place to live and raise our families.

Thank you for your vote.

Sincerely,
Councilor George Bitzas

Teresa Kozloski thanks voters for election support

To the Editor:

My thanks to the Agawam voters for your support in our election and to those who allowed me to put signs on their property.

I will do my best to fulfill the goals I listed in my campaign ad; namely, to maintain high standards, to improve communication with administrators, to improve scores of state assessment tests, to be financially responsible in the makeup of the school budget, to seek funding to allow for full-day kindergarten for all Agawam children, to monitor the sequencing of instructional technology, and to maintain a safe and healthy environment.

My best wishes to all Agawam residents for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Teresa Kozloski
Agawam

Councilor Morassi extends heartfelt thanks for support

To the Editor:

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who supported my candidacy for City Council. I believe most people find campaigning challenging, as I certainly do, and therefore, the support received is

deeply appreciated.

Words are inadequate to fully convey how much. It is like trying to describe what water means to a tired and thirsty traveler in a parched, scorching desert. It is that much to me anyway.

I would also like to thank *The AAN* for the generosity extended, as was done to all the candidates, in allowing us space to present our opinions and positions regarding same. The valuable forum is much appreciated.

In closing, I wish I could insure that I will always be right in making the decisions to come, but, of course, I cannot. What I can insure is that I will do my best from where I am with what I have. I feel this is the least I can do in return for all Agawam has done for my family and me and for the honor bestowed of serving on the Council.

Thank you, again.

Sincerely yours,
Rich Morassi
Agawam City Council

Thanks to all who donated to Mayor's reception

To the Editor:

On behalf of Mayor Richard A. Cohen, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the many businesses of Agawam who generously donated to his election night reception, along with the numerous amount of people who brought platters of food.

A special thank you to the Quail Run Estates, Jack & Jeanine Penney, Jerry & Joanne Doane, Tom & Dot Mapes, and all the residents who welcomed us into their home that evening and to the five Quail Run employees who went above and beyond their required duties by serving, set up, and cleaning: Eva, Nikki, Flo, Mary, and Jessica.

We acknowledge anyone we may have missed that evening with a big "thank you." As everyone mentioned, the event was outstanding.

Bill & Angela Beaudry
Event Chairpersons

Councilor-elect McLane honored to be chosen

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, November 6th, the citizens of Agawam went to the polls to exercise their freedom and select those persons they wanted to lead our town for the next two years. I was honored to be chosen as one of the 11 Town Councilors. It is something I count as a great privilege.

As you are aware, this was my first involvement in politics and the election process. I came away with more than I had invested over the last several months. Truly this has been a rewarding experience. Following are several of my observations:

First, we live in a great community with great people who are concerned about the welfare of Agawam. There were people who were at the polls from the opening hour to the closing moments wanting their

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vote to be heard. How fortunate we are to have an involved community.

Second, I noted the dedicated campaign workers who stood out in the cold to represent each individual candidate. Though a campaign can be spirited at times, at the standouts all individuals became one for the betterment of Agawam. People were assisting each other, bringing food and coffee, and working and sharing together without losing their individuality. This should be what Agawam is about.

Third, I was impressed by the manner in which the candidates conducted themselves and got involved. Though not everyone attained the office they were seeking, they are all to be commended for their dedication and desire to serve this community. All who participated represented our community well.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank my family, friends, and all those who worked with our campaign. I wish to personally thank you, the voters, for your faith and confidence in electing me to represent you on the Town Council. As this experience reinforced, the citizens of Agawam deserve nothing less than honest and effective leadership. Again, thank you. God bless Agawam, and God bless America.

Lowell McLane
Feeding Hills

Councilor Young looks forward to upcoming two years

To the Editor:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills for their tremendous support in the City Council election on November 6th.

I would like to thank my campaign manager, Gary Geiger; Joe Calabrese, Dana Henry, and their families; all of my family, and friends for all of their help and support over the past several months during the campaign season.

I would especially like to thank my wife, Karla, for all of her love and support during this campaign. She really is the heart and soul of the campaign and cares deeply for the Town of Agawam. Her creativity and energy never cease to amaze me.

I would also like to take this time to say that I think this City Council has the ability to make a very posi-

tive change for the future of our great city and I am confident that we have the desire to keep Agawam moving forward. I look forward to serving you in the upcoming two years.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Young, Vice President
Agawam City Council

Ruth Carr Bitzas thanks voters for support

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped me during my campaign for a seat on the Agawam City Council: my campaign manager, Mary V. Manning, and my husband, Harry, and all of the committee and friends of committee members.

I am very proud to be a 21-year member of the American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street. They really stepped up to the plate to "help one of their own." Their support and assistance is greatly appreciated. The American Legion is a great facility to host a function and at a nominal cost. I highly recommend the American Legion to you and your friends.

Last, but far from least, my heartfelt thank you to the voters of Agawam for your encouragement and support. I will do my very best to support the issues that will be beneficial for our community.

Sincerely,
Ruth Carr Bitzas, Councilor-Elect
Agawam City Council

Town reminds residents of yard waste disposal laws

To the Editor:

As residents undertake the arduous task of cleaning yards in preparation for the upcoming winter, the Agawam Conservation Commission would like to remind them of the restrictions contained in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

Disposal of leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste along the banks of the Westfield and Connecticut River or adjacent to or in any stream and/or wetlands is prohibited under State law.

Violations of the Wetlands Protection Act can result in fines and/or imprisonment.

For further information, please contact the Conservation Commission Office at 786-0400, extension 245.

Agawam Conservation Commission

Let's stand behind the teachers in Agawam's schools

To the Editor:

For the last three weeks, I have been opening *The Agawam Advertiser News* to some of the most disturbing articles since the events of September 11th. These articles and advertisements have dealt with the disrespect that has been bestowed upon the teachers of Agawam.

I am a graduate of Agawam High School, and I am currently student teaching at a first grade. These last three months have been the most exhausting of all my years of study. Every day, I must meet a demanding schedule meant to meet the needs of a strong, MCAS-based curriculum. After school, I do not go home to relax. Instead, I must evaluate lessons, rebuild similar lessons if the children's needs have not been met, and plan an appropriate course of action to follow, along with any work I have taken home.

All my lessons need to be captivating, multifaceted, cumulative, and framework-related. Every night, I collapse into bed, only to wake up at 6:00 and begin the day again. What keeps me going? Why would I choose such a demanding profession famous for its low pay? I would have to say that 18 bright-eyed, smiling, eager-to-learn first-graders are my motivation and greatest reward. How else could I play such an important role in the lives of so many?

The first 18 years of life are the years that "make and shape you." Children who come to school with minimal knowledge and skills are transformed into well-spoken, well-written, knowledgeable graduates ready to enter the adult world. Teachers play one of the most important roles during this detrimental time of development and teach them most of what they will need to use throughout life.

The gentleman who wrote the degrading letter to Agawam teachers last week showed disrespect to any and all teachers. May I ask where Mr. Katz received most of his basic knowledge? Most likely, he (like all of us) has been touched by very special

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teachers who taught him how to read, write, do many forms of math, and - most importantly - how to question, explore, and discover the world around him. I am very sorry that Mr. Katz has not realized that he has been forever molded and affected by teachers that play a role similar to that of parents and doctors.

Why is it that doctors can begin to make \$100,000/year their first year, while teachers are lucky to make half of that at the conclusion of their teaching careers? For some reason, discrimination and great disrespect have always been wrongly directed towards the field of education. The time has come to pay respect to a valuable part of the Agawam community.

Why can't we pay Agawam teachers what they are worth? Why must some people instead try to undermine a hard-working group of individuals by listing meaningless facts lacking face value? I would like to think that the School Committee that we, the citizens of Agawam, have voted for and supported in the past, will sit down and examine the great worth that education plays to each and everyone. I would like to think that these members would examine themselves and their actual "commitment" to education. If members sincerely feel that all education entitles is spending "only four hours a day" teaching students, then maybe these members should reconsider their commitment to an area of expertise that they do not truly understand or believe in.

I speak with great respect for all the teachers of Agawam. I have been greatly affected by all the teachers who have prepared me for success. Exceptional teachers have given me a solid understanding in English, the sciences, math, and history, along with important life lessons. Thanks to them, I will be graduating a semester early with a bachelor's degree in early childhood and English.

I have, and will always, stand behind and feel confident about the teachers of Agawam. I plead that all

Agawam citizens examine the great injustices that are being placed upon such an outstanding and significant group of people. To believe in the role of teachers is to believe in the future.

Sincerely,

Melissa (Boissonneault) Nooney

Class of 1998

Agawam

School Committee article an insult to Agawam teachers

To the Editor:

The article in the *Agawam Advertiser* on November 8th is an insult to the Agawam schoolteachers and the citizens of Agawam. The School Committee claims the average base pay is \$45,552. Can you explain how they arrived at this figure when one-third of the High School teachers are new or have just over two years experience and their average starting rate is only \$27,000?

This is a huge insult to say that these teachers only teach four hours a day! Did any of these members consider the prep work, correcting of assignments, and all the extra work these teachers do? Maybe the other towns listed have the same average pay increase that the committee is offering, but their starting rate is approximately \$10,000 more than Agawam's.

Let's give Agawam teachers what they deserve so that we can maintain the teachers that we have and recruit new teachers that our children are entitled to.

I cannot understand why the School Committee does not respect these hard working teachers! The School Committee claims they work for "our children." Let's see if they really do care.

I applaud the teachers of Agawam for their dedication to our children and I encourage the citizens of Agawam to stand by these teachers! We can only

hope the School Committee opens their eyes to what they are doing before it is too late for Agawam schools.

Sincerely,

Junette King

Agawam

School Committee tactics only serve to unite teachers

To the Editor:**Dear citizens of Agawam:**

In my 28 years of teaching in Agawam, I have often experienced delays by the School Committee in settling contracts. This, however, is the first time in my career that a School Committee has publicly acknowledged its contempt for the teaching profession.

The Committee's claim that the bullet points in their recent advertisements are the facts regarding negotiations is absurd. For instance, not one teacher in Agawam earns the base pay cited in bold print. It is simply a figure, one without validity. Many teachers, however, earn significantly less. Here are some additional points for the Committee to ponder:

* Two of your members' signatures are conspicuously missing from your second advertisement. Is it because they chose not to be parties to this hoax?

* Your decision to use taxpayer funds earmarked for education to publicly campaign for your bargaining position, although it may be perfectly legal, shows questionable judgement.

* Statements such as, "If you don't like it here, go somewhere else" only reinforce your disregard for your present staff and those future quality teachers your administrators will find difficult to recruit to Agawam.

* Is that our goal? To be average? Is that the message you want your staff to send the students: "Strive

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- Agawam Obituaries -

VICTORIA E. FAZIO

Victoria E. (Florian) Fazio, 80, formerly of Wright Street, Agawam, died recently in Clearwater, FL. Born in Gambellara, Province of Venezia, Italy, she lived in Springfield for most of her life before moving to Agawam in 1954. She had worked at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Springfield, and later at the former Buxton Company in Agawam. She attended the High School of Commerce, and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Springfield.

He husband, Frank A. Fazio, died in 2000. She leaves a son and his wife, James A. and Agense Fazio of Somers, CT; a daughter and her husband, Carol Ann and Burton W. Deane of Tarpon Springs, FL; two grandchildren, Frank R. Fazio and Katharine Rosier; a sister, Edith Siano of Springfield; and a brother, U. Francis Florian of Wilbraham. The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and Mt. Carmel Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1600 East Columbus Avenue, Springfield, MA 01103.

PETER B. LOCKHART

Peter B. Lockhart, 59, of 870 Main Street, Agawam, died recently in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Hanover, MA, he resided in Agawam for most of his life, and was a graduate of Agawam High School and attended Brown Barber School in Hartford, CT. He was a retired 21-year firefighter for the Town of Agawam. He retired in 1990. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and served aboard the USS Willis A. Lee (DL-4). He was an enthusiastic fireman, horseman, hunter, and fisherman. He was a member of the West Springfield Fish & Game Club, the American Legion Post #185 of Agawam, the Agawam Firefighters Association, and the Agawam Firefighters Union Local 1973.

He is survived by a daughter, Sharon Rowe of Adams; his mother, Helen (Christopher) Lockhart of Agawam; a brother and a sister-in-law, Gregory and Paulette Lockhart of Wilbraham; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Pamela and Don Moriarty of Brimfield, and Valerie and Philip Cardone of Ware; three grandchildren, Jonathan Rowe, Ellen Rowe, and David Rowe, all of Adams; and five nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church of Agawam, with a private burial at the convenience of the family. Ratell Funeral Home of Indian Orchard was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Firefighters Association, 1200 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or to a charity of

choice.

FRANK R. MASTRANGELO

Frank R. Mastrangelo, 78, of Mansion Woods, died recently at Baystate Medical Center. A lifelong resident, he was born in Springfield, MA, on July 21, 1923 to the late Ralph and Adeline (Lalli) Mastrangelo. He began working at the Springfield Armory in Research & Development, later going on to retire in 1985 from the U.S. Postal Service as a mechanic. He also was self-employed as an appliance repairman for over 40 years. He wed his wife, Tina Calabrese, on May 7, 1949. He was a graduate of the Technical High School in Springfield. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a private first class in China/Burma/India. Qualified as a sharpshooter, he was a Purple Heart recipient and also received a Presidential Unit Citation, a Good Conduct Medal, an Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, and a Victory Medal. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans and Adriatic Club in Springfield.

Besides his wife of 52 years, he is survived by his children, Ralph, Donna August, and Barbara Douglas, all of East Longmeadow. He is also survived by two sisters, Rena Sheets of East Longmeadow and Loretta Troiano of California, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were scheduled to be private and held at the convenience of the family. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Donations may be made in his memory to the Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin Street, Springfield, MA 01107.

JOYCE B. MCLEAR

Joyce B. (Barry) McLearn, 70, of 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in Granby at the home of her daughter. She was born in Springfield and educated in West Springfield schools and at Holyoke Community College. She lived in Feeding Hills for 12 years, coming from Manchester, Vermont. She worked for Raymond Yacovone Construction in Springfield. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women's Auxiliary, in Agawam. Her husband, Edward J. McLearn, died in 1989. She is survived by three sons, Randall R. Carpenter of Westfield, Robert W. Carpenter, Jr. of West Springfield, and Brian B. Carpenter of Feeding Hills; one daughter, Elizabeth J. Hodgins of Granby; her mother, Catherine (Pelletier) Barry of Springfield; a brother, Dr. Warren J. Barry of Pittsfield; a long-time friend, Raymond N. Spear of West Springfield; her former husband, Robert W. Carpenter, Sr. of Feeding

Hills; and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother, Justin E. Barry, in 1993.

The funeral was held at the Ryder Funeral Home of South Hadley, followed by a Mass of Christian burial in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, and burial in West Cemetery, Granby. Memorial contributions may be made to VNA and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Memorial service for Alfred Stebbins planned for Dec. 1st

A memorial service will take place for Alfred Duane Stebbins of 789 Main Street, Agawam on Saturday, December 1st at 11:00 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street.

Mr. Stebbins died on October 22, 2001 at home.

He leaves his wife, the former Patricia E. Turner, who now resides at Heritage Hall East in Agawam.

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cook all the turkeys and ham for the Air Force personnel, Ms. Henson said.

"We decided to cook 1,000 dinners for 439 AGS because many of the personnel are active duty and are away from their families at this time of the year," Ms. Henson said. "They are protecting us and we wanted to bring people together." Ms. Henson explained that 439 AGS, includes aircraft personnel who maintain and fix the planes at Westover Air Force Base.

The Thanksgiving dinners included 25 turkeys, 20 hams, 250 pounds of potatoes, butternut squash, turnip, stuffing, green bean casserole, creamed peas, boiled onions, cornbread, 700 rolls with butter, beverages and kinds of appetizers and pies.

Donations were received from many businesses, including Super Stop & Shop and Geissler's Supermarket in Agawam; 90's Meat, Nissan's and Cosco in West Springfield; Super Foodmart, Hadley; the Sunday Bowling League at Fair Lanes, Chicopee; and Sweet Life and District 3 (Post 185 is part of the District 3 family), Ms. Henson said.

There were also individual contributions made for this occasion from George Perry (Town Councilor Dennis Perry's father); Westover firefighter and Post 185's Commander Ken Morytko, and Westover's Technical Sergeant, Ron Case.

Other "helpers" included Rick and Kathy Pfeffer and Bobby Lou Forges from Agawam's Northeast Builders, Agawam residents Joannie and Russ Akhert, Larry Paro, Bobbie Meehan, who donated tents for the dinners, and Ron Jean from Agawam's Taylor Rental.

Ms. Henson said that it was impossible to thank everyone who donated their time and support, however, she said there were many other important people who were involved and she wanted to thank everyone for supporting the Thanksgiving dinners.

Sergeant Case said Ms. Henson (who he refers to as Tina) and Post 185 have been sending food to Westover every Tuesday, since one week after September 11th (when the aircraft personnel was activated).

"We call this 'happy food' because it gives personnel the opportunity to talk, eat and breath," Sergeant Case said. "We really appreciate that and we also thank the fire department at Westover for constantly protecting us. The idea to serve 1,000 Thanksgiving dinners was a joint decision that started with Tina ask-

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ing how Post 185 could help during the holiday. We call Post 185 our heroes!"

Ms. Henson said they have been preparing for the dinners for the last three weeks.

Legion Commander Ken Morytko added, "I am very proud of Tina and Post 185 and all the supporters who helped make this happen. These people deserve 100 percent credit for participating in such a great occasion and it is an honor to be a part of it."

Sergeant Case said there were three different meal times for 439 AGS; the first dinner was served at noon, the second at 6:00 p.m., and the last dinners were set aside for the "grave shift," from 12:00 midnight-2:00 a.m.

"They work 24 hours a day and seven days a week and they deserved to have the Thanksgiving dinners!" Sergeant Case stated.

Sergeant Case explained that the dinners were kept "low key," as a result of what happened September 11th. "This is the first time 1,000 Thanksgiving dinners were served to Westover. Usually we all bring food to share the holiday and we cannot do that this year, so thankfully the Agawam American Legion was gracious to offer their help," noted Case.

Morytko said all aircraft and military personnel were appreciative and thankful for the dinners, as well as all the time, effort, and support that helped to make this a special event.

Commander Morytko talked about the American Legion's origins as part of the reason why this endeavor was undertaken. He said, "The American Legion began after WWI in France to help military personnel, veterans and the community. Post 185 is for veterans and is a public service organization. We are very proud of Tina and honored to help the aircraft and military personnel at Westover at this time," Morytko once again emphasized. "The American Legion officers and members are also honored and proud to participate."

Ms. Henson, Sergeant Case, and Morytko agreed that next year, if Westover Air Force personnel are still activated, they would like to serve Thanksgiving dinner again.

"If Westover is not activated next year, we will return to our usual celebration of Thanksgiving and definitely invite American Legion Post 185!" Sergeant Case said.

This could be the start of a yearly occasion, concluded Morytko.

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for mediocrity!"

* You calculate to the penny an hourly wage. Therefore, your round figures of \$600,000 and \$200,000 are suspect. The math grade is incomplete. Please resubmit.

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Citizens, please call a teacher. We do wish to speak with you.

Paul Bachini
Feeding Hills

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM****AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 6:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Mongeau for property located on North Street Ext.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

Published: November 20, 2001

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE**LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION****AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01001**

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that the Agawam Liquor License Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. in the Faolin Peirce Room of the Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA. Hearing will speak to the issue of opening of package stores on Sunday, December 9, 16, 23, & 30th, 2001.

The Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission
John J. Chriscola, Jr., Chairman
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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian

**Government does matter**

Even two months later, the events of September 11th defy comprehension. The magnitude of the impact seems only to grow as the days go by. Through the haze, and the grief, we become possessed by the realization that so many of our assumptions are now challenged. These events plant roots that will grow slowly, deliberately, and everywhere.

Against this backdrop, we look for solutions or simply paths that lead to solutions. And we appreciate, perhaps more profoundly than ever before, a marked dichotomy in this new world; that so much of what we take for granted, our liberties, our quality of life, our self-sufficiency, and our autonomy itself, are utterly and completely interdependent. As powerful as our nation is and as enduring as our institutions are, the reality is that none stands alone.

Government's purpose, especially now, comes down to responsibility. Government faces enormous challenges, not just to manage the physical impacts of numerous terrorist attacks, but also to address the anxieties and apprehension that mark the aftermath, restoring faith and strength in our economy and our public security. A paramount responsibility is to assure that government has the resources that will be necessary to satisfy these obligations.

I believe that the Commonwealth has a number of options. These options are preferable to any draconian and precipitous spending cuts. It is time for political leaders to accept the reality that the remainder of the tax cut that was enacted last year is simply no longer affordable. We must freeze the remainder of the tax cut - the vast majority of the investment and services provided today must be maintained. The stabilization fund and last year's surplus are available resources. That is, after all, what stabilization funds and surpluses are for.

There's a lot we still don't know about how the world will be different. We do know that slashed spending and investment at the state level precipitates the same activity locally; fewer police officers, fewer firefighters, reduced educational opportunities, and health care improvements that come to a screeching halt. This sends all the wrong messages at all the wrong times.

It not only diminishes our ability to meet public safety obligations, it places a fragile economy on notice that government, too, will constrict its activity and hasten the precise spiral that we are attempting to stop. There may be those who wish and even think that an ideal world would observe non-governmental entities finding all the solutions, that markets, through their economic laws, would proscribe the proper prescriptions and communities of faith all of the healing. Their roles are essential to this crisis and our future, but we have seen in the last few weeks the overriding importance of the government rising to meet the challenges of this calamity and direct the resources that others have so generously been able to provide. The implication is clear; government does matter and it matters a lot.

I believe, especially now, that Massachusetts citizens appreciate acutely the reality of this situation. Engendering the trust that is so essential to maintaining the faith in the purpose of government and its ability to address this situation requires that our decisions take great to avoid waste and abuse in ways more assiduously than ever before. In some areas, we must halt expansion of services, but we still have roads to fix, young people to educate, police and firemen to employ, an environment to protect and a healthcare system that continues to bleed.

Addressing those responsibilities is not only a worthy objective, it is also an important investment, now as much as ever. As leaders, we can demonstrate the capacity to offer solutions and establish reasonable expectations at the same time. Public safety and eco-

Stop & Shop helps with float...

Bitzas and his van...



SUPER STOP & SHOP CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER Ken Romano (center) presents a check to members of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee to be put towards the Colleen's float and activities for the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade in March 2002. St. Patrick's Committee members in the photo are Lowell McLane, president; Gloria King; and Lynn Fitzgerald, chairwoman of the board.



DURING THE ELECTION SEASON, it seemed the van owned by Town Councilor George Bitzas was parked in two or three places at once around town. Bitzas was out the day after the November 6th election thanking voters for giving him another two-year term on the council.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM - BOARD OF APPEALS

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of Pine Creek Agawam L.P. which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-88 of the Zoning Ordinance, which would allow for the construction of a sign at the premises identified as 42 Editha Avenue.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Acting Chairperson

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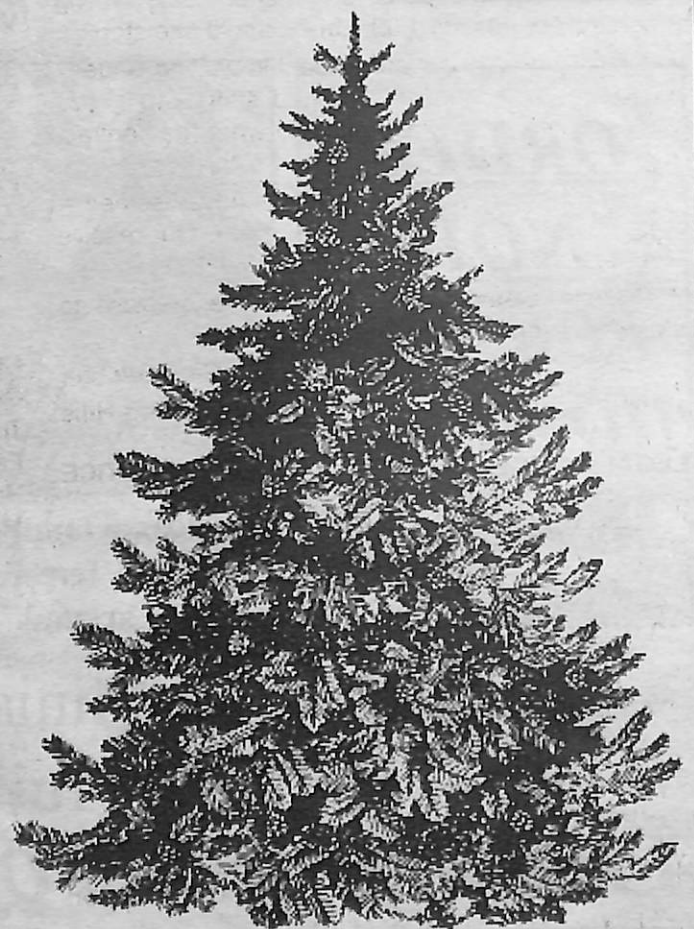
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- * Donation of supplies to the New York Fire Dept. at Ground Zero
- * Multiple Sclerosis Society in support of an Agawam resident
- * A donation to an Agawam family after a serious fire
- * Agawam Jr. Women's Club
- * Agawam Little League



Officer Richard Niles sworn in as Sergeant



AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER RICHARD NILES was sworn in recently as Sergeant. In left photo: Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux (right) administers the oath to Sergeant Niles as Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell and Mayor Richard A. Cohen look on. In right photo: Chief of Police Robert Campbell, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Matthew Niles (son), Sergeant Richard Niles, Susan Niles (wife) Jessica Niles (daughter), Patricia Niles (mother), and Richard Niles (father).

Melconian announces fire safety awards to Agawam

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the City of Agawam will receive a \$2,558.70 grant from the SAFE program to promote fire safety.

"The lessons we learn as children, like stop, drop, and roll, save countless lives," said Melconian. "These grants assure that every child is exposed to that basic fire safety education."

The SAFE program is a \$588,000 state curriculum that brings firefighters into K-12 classrooms to teach fire safety. Firefighters will teach students how to

prevent fires from starting, techniques to escape a burning building, and what a student should do if they catch fire. Officers also explain how to use the 911 system to report an emergency and stress the importance of maintaining working smoke detectors.

The SAFE program firefighters place special emphasis on the fire hazards posed by tobacco products. The careless use and disposal of smoking materials, such as cigarettes and cigars, is the single leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts and across the nation. Over the last four years, more than 100

children who have participated in the SAFE program have saved themselves or a loved one from a fire hazard.

"In addition to saving lives, this program also reduces children's anxiety about fire and teaches them that they have the power to act to save themselves," said Melconian.

"I'm proud of programs like SAFE that, with just a small amount of money, are able to make an enormous difference in people's lives."

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Rep. Keenan announces MTF report released

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan recently announced that the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation's annual analysis of local revenues and spending was released on October 31st.

Driven by extraordinary increases in state aid and a boom in new construction, overall municipal finances reached a high water mark in fiscal 2001, according to the MTF report. Looking ahead, however, cities and towns can expect declining fortunes as they grapple with limited increases in state aid and an economic recession.

The MTF study, Municipal Financial Data, reports that 2001 was the ninth consecutive year of improvement in local finances with revenue and property tax growth and municipal surpluses all hitting new highs. Local revenues jumped 7.1 percent to \$15.4 billion, and property taxes grew 5.9 percent to \$7.5 billion, the highest rates of growth since 1989 and 1991, respectively. Excess capacity, which is the difference between the amount of taxes a community raises and the amount allowed under Proposition 2-1/2, increased 30 percent to \$248 million, rising 3.2 percent of the statewide levy limit, roughly 20 percent above the previous peak in 1987. Free cash or the net operating surpluses from the previous year, rose 8.7 percent to a record total of \$527 million.

However, the report concluded, "Municipal finances have reached a major turning point," as growth in state aid and new construction slow. With the state confronting deficits in 2002 and beyond, municipalities will have to live with reduced yearly increases in state aid. The economic slowdown also will limit the pace of new construction and the resulting growth in property tax revenues.

"The days of annual double-digit increases in education and lottery aid are over," said MTF President Michael J. Widmer. "Like the state, cities and towns will have to tighten their spending while weathering the recession."

The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization which conducts research on state and local taxes, government spending, and the economy. Founded in 1932, MTF ranks among the largest and most effective organizations of its kind in the country.

"The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation has proved itself to be a zealous advocate for responsible and rational government. I take seriously the words of caution that they offer," said Keenan.

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conomic security must be paramount, even if additional resources are required to meet these evolving, pressing needs.

Thus, we establish an example that serves to replace the paradigm of cynicism with the virtue of compassion and a vision of community that becomes a new hallmark on this, the infancy of our new millennium.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 82 plants mums in front of Agawam Fire Headquarters on Main Street in tribute to the fallen New York City firefighters. Back row (from left): Michael Mercadante, Fire Inspector; Mayor Richard A. Cohen; Kendrick O'Connor, Corey O'Connor, Mike DeChristopher, Josh Miranda, Pat Vaughn, Fire Chief David Pisano, Lori Vaughn, and Donna O'Connor. Front row: Megan Ilnicki and Kadie Ilnicki.

Troop 82 pays tribute to NYC firefighters

On Friday, October 26th, Boy Scout Troop 82 paid tribute to the fallen New York City firefighters and the Agawam firefighters by planting mums in front of Agawam Fire Headquarters on Main Street.

Lori A. Vaughn, a student at Bay Path College, and Boy Scouts from Troop 82 planted the mums and gave the firefighters an engraved stepping stone dedicated to the firefighters who lost their lives on September 11th.

Ms. Vaughn read a tribute which stated that, "No one will ever forget the tragedy that befell this nation on September 11, 2001 nor the heroism displayed by members of the New York City Fire Department. As a student of Bay Path College and a parent member of Boy Scout Troop 82, I, together with members of the troop, would like to honor the memory of the courageous men and women who gave their lives to save others."

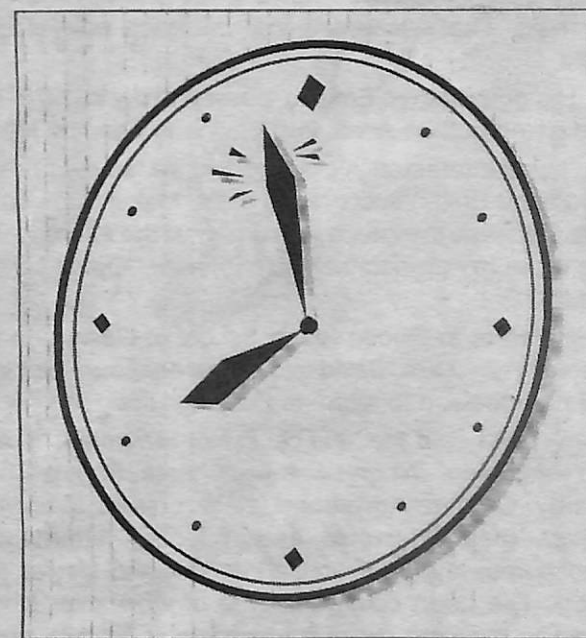
"We have selected mums to plant in their honor as a symbolic representation of the lives lost. While their beauty appears short-lived, their strength endures external hardships until they bloom once again, displaying their radiant beauty."

"The fallen firefighters are like these mums. While their physical presence has been taken from us, they are forever a part of our landscape, their images ingrained in our minds and their heroism emblazoned in our hearts. Their beauty will forever be a part of us."

"In honoring the New York Fire Department, it is our goal to also honor the men and women of our local fire department here in Agawam, who put their lives on the line for us on a daily basis. Too often life gets busy and it takes a tragedy for us to realize what we have, and what was lost. Feelings often go unspoken and words of thanks unexpressed."

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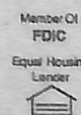


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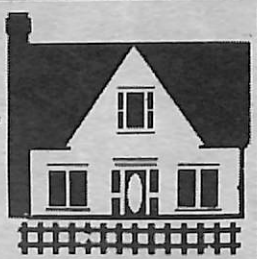
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David Cecchi - "A Man For All Seasons"

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

David R. Cecchi is the first of three children who grew up on the Cecchi family farm in Feeding Hills. Brothers Robert and Michael followed.

"Growing up on a farm was an incredible experience," David told us. "We worked all the time and were always there. My mother thinks we were deprived, but looking back, it taught us the importance of hard work and commitment and a lot of things that kids today are not taught."

David and his wife, Laurie (Martin), were high school sweethearts. On November 4th, they celebrated their 12th anniversary. They have two children - Joe, who is six and just started school at Benjamin Phelps School, and Bailey, five, who just started kindergarten, also at Phelps School.

"They love school," Cecchi said. "I have been trying to teach them about the Captain Leonard house, Benjamin Phelps School, and other historic places in town. When the river was low, Joe, Bailey, and I have walked across the river bed, from the corner of Walnut and River Streets, to where the old Worthy Paper Company was. We think we found an old boiler down on the banks."

David's great-grandfather came to America in the 1920's. "My family has worked really hard to support our farm stand. My work with the committees and associations in town is my way of giving something back to the town. I love my family, the farm, and the town."

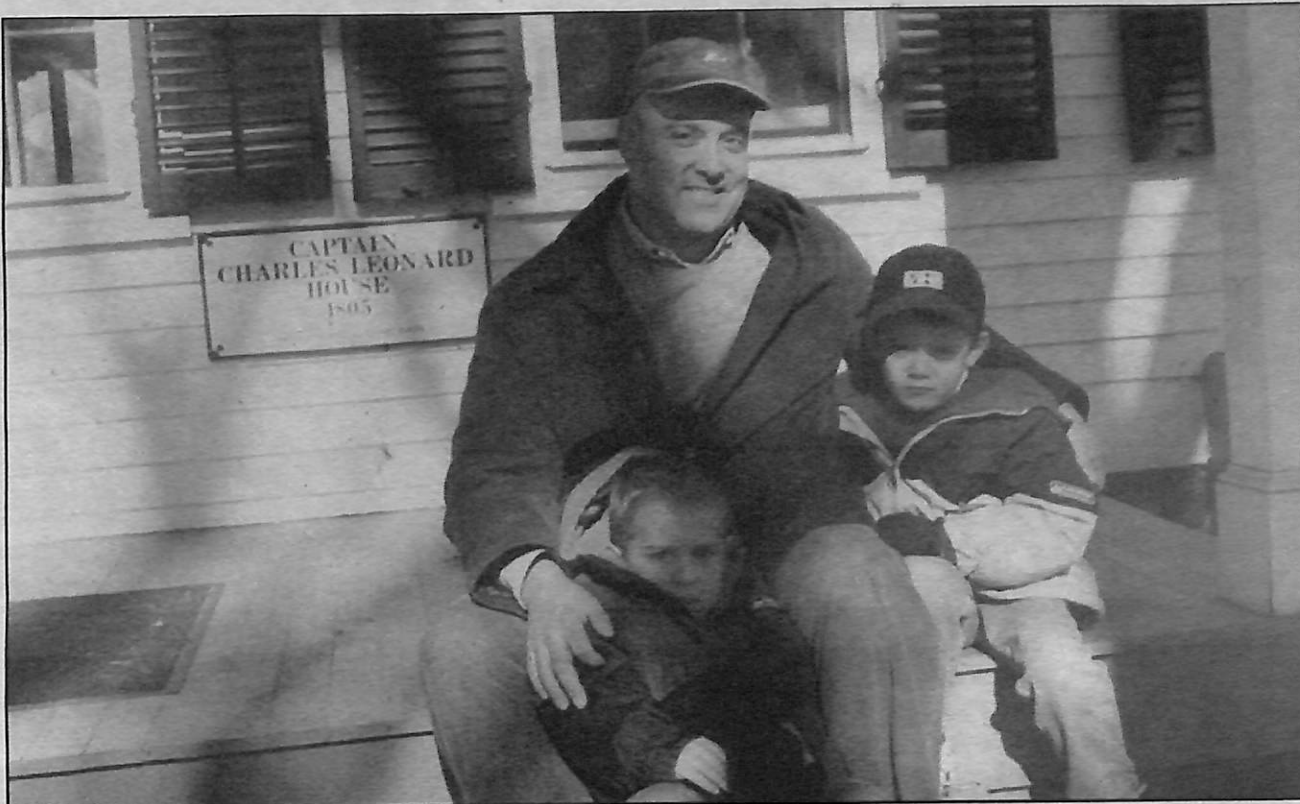
"When we were growing up, our family lived on one side of the stand and our grandparents lived on the other, so we had a great experience. We'd go to Farmer's Market on Avocado Street at 2:00 a.m. and we would help my grandfather unload the truck. People from the stores would come and buy from the farmers. That's less and less the case now," David said.

His grandfather, Erminio, passed away in 1978, but his grandmother, Anna, is still living in Feeding Hills.

"I was interested in drawing and art, so my parents (Bob and Emily) encouraged me to look into pursuing that because they were not sure what the future would be when my grandfather passed away," David continued.

He went to Rhode Island School of Design. In his senior year there, David told his career counselor that he had decided to return to Feeding Hills.

"When I said that, the counselor remarked, 'That's so refreshing.' When I was back home, I got a job at Darby O'Brien Advertising as a graphic designer, which meant I would design logos, letterheads, brochures, layout of annual reports, and similar artwork. I've been doing that type of work ever since. Getting the farm out of your system is difficult. I help out in the spring, during April through June on week-



DAVID CECCHI is pictured on the side step of The Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam with his two sons, Joe and Bailey. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

ends, and when they need some extra help."

David does all the advertisements for Cecchi Farm and has been doing the ads since 1987. He now works at T.S.M. Design, formerly The Super Market. Some of his accounts include Westfield Gas and Electric and Westfield Bank. Westfield Bank's new logo, current campaign, and new signage are examples of David's talent.

In addition to his love of the farm and his creativity in graphic design, David has also "always been interested in history, since I was a little kid." He has been on the Agawam Historical Commission since the mid-1990's.

"It's meaningful and a lot of fun," he said.

Recently, the Historical Commission received notification from the Department of the Interior that a section of Agawam has been officially designated Agawam's first historic district.

According to David, who has been chairman of the commission ever since his service began, the designated area runs roughly from Route 57 and Adams Street on Main Street, and up Elm Street from Main to the Old Mill area.

"This section has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places," David continued. "To accomplish this, we had to go through a somewhat complicated approval process."

While the Historical Commission is an official entity of the town, the Historical Association is more of a private group, and Cecchi is on the board of directors of that group, too.

"We are looking for members. We are also hoping to open the Agawam Historical and Fire Museum (on Elm Street) in the spring of 2003. We are aiming for a Memorial Day dedication."

Resident Rick Bellico suggested the concept of a book about Agawam as a means for raising funds when he was president of the Historical Association. David volunteered to put the book together. This venture took close to 10 months of research, collecting photographs and organization.

"We've sold probably over 1,000 books to date," he estimated.

Cecchi admits to being a contented person who has been allowed to enjoy many gifts in life.

"I have met so many great people in this town. There are a lot of great people in Agawam," he said.

He has offered his service or is currently serving on several committees and organizations, including the Annie Sullivan Committee, the Historical Commission, the Historical Association, the Sesquicentennial Committee, and the Springfield Public Market Steering Committee, a group whose mission is to bring a public market facility to Springfield, which would help with revitalization.

He is a trustee of the Captain Charles Leonard House and he also serves on the Sister City Commission and registered strong support of that group's mission and accomplishments.

David previously served two terms on the School Committee.

For professional memberships, David was a two-term president of the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts from 1994-1996.

"As a past president, I became a Trustee of the Order of the William Pynchon Award, a public service award which has been given since 1915 for people who go above and beyond with regard to public service."

People are nominated for the award and the six trustees research and get references on the nominees. The trustees are comprised of the current president and the past five presidents.

"An example was the award to Albert First for donating a skating rink to the City of Westfield in memory of his wife. The experience has been pretty humbling. There have been some pretty incredible people who've received the award," David noted.

David told us that he considers land, trees, and farms as extremely precious.

"I want my children to be able to enjoy the farm. This town has changed in a very short time from sprawling acres of farm land and undeveloped land to a suburb with many housing developments. It's important that we hold on to some farms and forestlands for our children."

Reunion tix for AHS's class of '96

Agawam High School's class of 1996 will be selling last-minute reunion tickets on Friday, November 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. The cost is \$10 per ticket.

This will be your absolute last chance to get tickets for Saturday's (November 24th) reunion. Visit www.ahs96.com for more information.

For businesses/services, our classified ads cost just \$15 per week for 30 words or less; for all other classifieds, the cost is \$10. However, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center (above Remillard Insurance Agency), or mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030....

Women's Auxiliary holds "Craft Fair" at Polish Club...



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of the Polish-American Club of Agawam recently held its Annual Craft Fair on the grounds of the club in Feeding Hills. In left photo: Auxiliary members Lorraine Labun, Theresa Charkiewicz, Wanda Adamski, Mary K. Labun, and Janice Barako were busy in the kitchen all day preparing the great food that was served. In right photo: Cindy of "Cindy's Treasures" was one of the crafters who participated in the fair. Specializing in hand-crafted gifts and wedding/shower favors, she can be reached by calling 789-6496. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS, the Pioneer Valley Cruisers held Friday evening car shows in the Southgate parking lot on Suffield Street. To culminate the season, the Cruisers made a donation to the Springfield Shriners. From left: Allan Curran, Jack Gelgut, "Boo Boo" the Clown (a.k.a. Tommy Splaine), Ernest Blake, John Cleveland, "Smurfie the Clown (a.k.a. Bob Lussier), Bonnie Cleveland, and Peter Montos. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Tour of homes" on December 1st



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for some holiday fun! This wonderful home and floral shop on 266 Walnut Street (with all its history) has been an Agawam landmark for over 75 years, and is just one of six homes to be featured in the "Holiday Tour of Homes." Scheduled for Saturday, December 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the tour will benefit the West Springfield Boys & Girls Club. Ticket books are \$10 and are available at Lally's Pipe 'n Book, Elm Street Flowers, and Sorrento's Pizza. Tickets will also be available at the individual homes the day of the tour. For more information, please contact the club at 736-1831.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Sandy Trembly wins Dunkin' Donuts "Dream" prize

Sandy Trembly of Agawam won four packs of tickets to a Hartford WolfPack home game as her sports fantasy prize in the "Dunkin' Donuts Sports Dream" promotion.

Dunkin' Donuts teamed up with all six of New England's professional sports franchises for a once-in-a-lifetime promotion that gave customers an opportunity to make their sports fantasies come true.

The "peel and win" promotion was featured throughout the month of October on more than 45 million medium and large coffee cups and both dozen and half-dozen boxes at close to 1,200 Dunkin' Donuts franchises in the Boston, Providence, Springfield, and Hartford markets.

Every cup was a winner with most of the prizes consisting of special offers and free and discounted Dunkin' Donuts products.

Annual Craft Sale planned at Blue Shutters

The annual Craft and Bake Sale at the Blue Shutters, 969 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, will be on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2nd from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

You will find homemade jellies, jams, pickles, relish, as well as homemade breads and muffins. Also offered are decorative wood items, some Christmas, as well as cloth dolls by Nancy.

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Hope E. Murray becomes bride of Paul Tremblay

Hope Elizabeth Murray and Dennis Paul Tremblay were united in marriage Saturday, October 6 at St. Peter's Church in Westfield.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia L. Hatmaker and the granddaughter of Patricia A. and the late William R. Murray, all of Westfield.

The groom is the son of Donald and Judith Tremblay of Feeding Hills.

Jennifer Lynn Paquin, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor while Taylor Warren, friend of the groom, was best man. Hannah Elyse Tremblay, daughter of the groom, attended the couple as flower girl.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of St. Mary's High School, Westfield, and a 1994 graduate of Framingham State College. She is a reporter and editor at The Sun in Holyoke and municipal writer at The Agawam Advertiser News.

The groom attended Cathedral High School and graduated from the Porter and Chester Institute of Technology. He is an Internet support technician at RCN, Corp. in Springfield.

Following a honeymoon in Maine, the couple returned to their home in Agawam.

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William & Barbara Pfau celebrate 50th anniversary

William & Barbara Pfau of 71 Western Drive, Agawam renewed their wedding vows recently in celebration of their 50th anniversary at St. John the Evangelist Church, followed by a family dinner at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke.

Mr. & Mrs. Pfau were married in Holy Name Church, West Roxbury, Massachusetts on October 12th, 1951.

They are the parents of Barbara Turmel of West Springfield, Karen Turmel of East Longmeadow, William Pfau III of Westfield, Kathleen Prucnal of Southampton, Kevin Pfau of Feeding Hills, and Mark Pfau of Feeding Hills. They have 20 grandchildren.

Mr. Pfau is retired from United Technologies Diesel Systems (American Bosch) and Mrs. Pfau is retired



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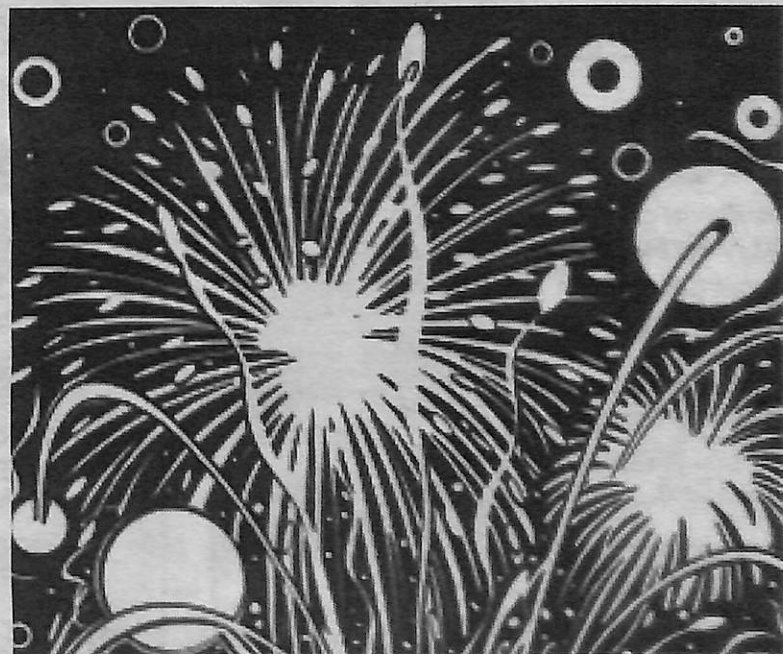
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Feeding Hills girls take part in 4-H Horse Championship

Julie Parisien and Kelsi Watkins, both of Feeding Hills, proudly represented Hampden County at the Massachusetts 4-H State Horse Championship, held in September at the Northampton Fairgrounds.

Team members are selected based on his or her riding performance for the current season, equine care and education, and an essay.

Julie competed with her Morgan horse, "Jacklee Electra," and Kelsi competed with her Palomino/Paint horse, "Sweet Desiree."

Kelsi was awarded the High Point Championship in the Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Division. She competed against riders from throughout the Commonwealth in six different competitions over a two-day period, culminating in the high-point award.

"Breakfast with Santa" at Agawam Middle School

On Sunday, December 2nd, Santa will be visiting the Agawam Middle School from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. to meet with all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast. All children can bring their letters to Santa, and just be sure to include **your return address**. Photos will be taken with Santa and the children.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast. Tickets will be available at the door.

A collection of non-perishable food will be taken for the Junior Women's Holiday Baskets, to be donated to help less fortunate Agawam families during the holiday season.

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

American Legion Aux. to hold spaghetti dinner on Dec. 7th

The Wilson Thompson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 185 will hold a spaghetti dinner on "Pearl Harbor Day" - December 7th - at the Post home at 478 Springfield Street, Agawam. Dinner will be comprised of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee.

It will be served from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a donation of \$6, general admission; \$4, seniors and children under 12 years of age; and free for Pearl Harbor veterans.

There will be music and raffles. All proceeds will benefit the Auxiliary programs.

For advance tickets or information, please call Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-7278.

Agawam Senior Center's weekly lunch menu

Mon., Nov. 26th: Mushroom-barley soup, pepper steak grinder, grapes.

Tues., Nov. 27th: Beef skillet dinner, tossed salad, pears.

Wed., Nov. 28th: Garden vegetable meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit.

Thurs., Nov. 29th: Chicken cacciatore, ziti, juice, tapioca pudding.

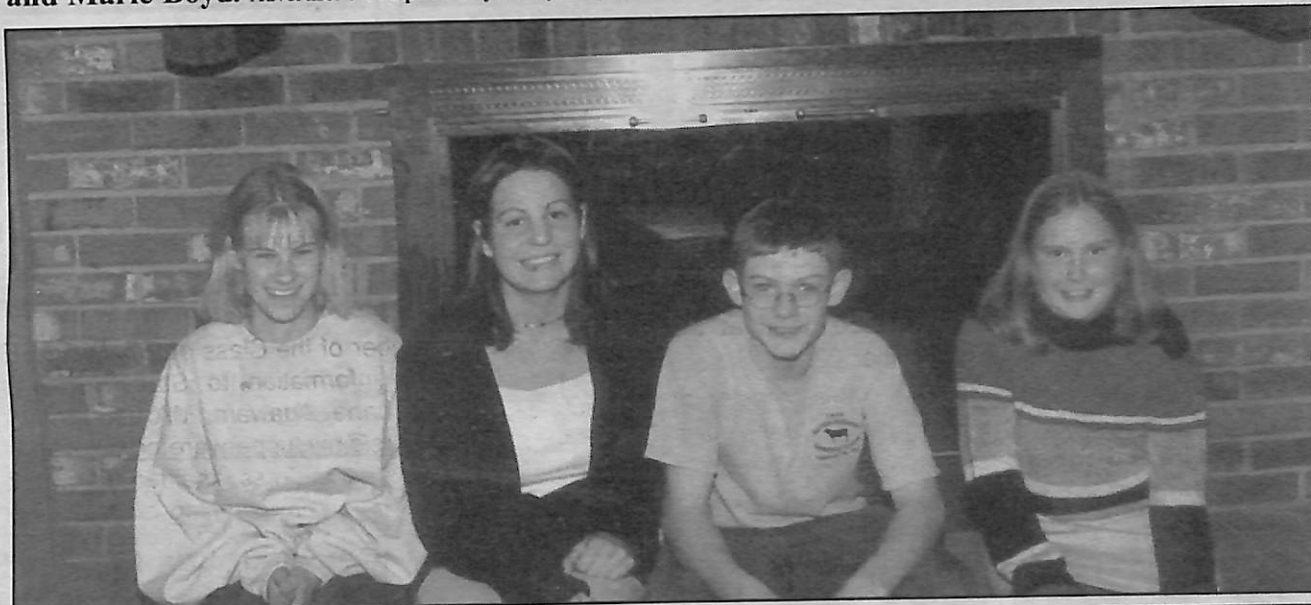
Fri., Nov. 30th: Seafood casserole, peas & pearl onions, cookies.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

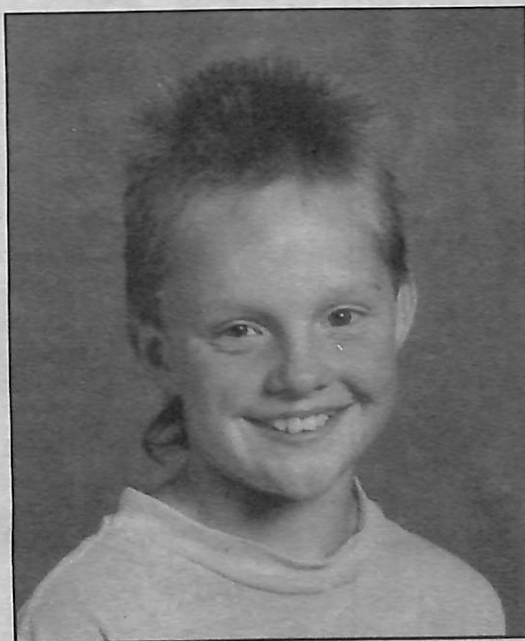
Attending 4-H Recognition Dinner...



LAST MONTH, A 4-H RECOGNITION DINNER was held at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills. The annual 4-H Fair has been around for 50 years, and in 2002, 4-H will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. The 2002 4-H Fair officers include the following area residents: Maryellen Sullivan of Feeding Hills (vice-president), Sue Bonini of Feeding Hills treasurer), Zoafia Demko of Southwick (chairperson, trophy committee), and board of directors members Cal Chunglo of Southwick, Jim Wright of Feeding Hills, Michael Demko, Jr. of Southwick, and Elena Demko of Southwick. In photo above: standing - Mike Demko, Jr., Anna Demko, Gary Turnbull, Donna Turnbull, Mark Modzeleski, Jane Modzeleski, Ed Modzeleski, Dave Modzeleski, and Jim Boyd; seated - Janice Barako of Feeding Hills, Zoafia Demko, Ed Barako of Feeding Hills, and Alice Boyd. In photo below: Elena Demko, Sarah Bonini, Michael Demko, and Marie Boyd. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Brian, Happy 21st Birthday!



Love,
Mom, Dad, and Evan

Fifty and Fabulous Happy Birthday Joanne O'Quinn



Happy Turkey Day



Love Always,
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Scouts help out on Veterans' Day



SOME OF THE SCOUTS AND THEIR MOM LEADERS who participated in the Veterans' Day Ceremonies at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery on Main Street were the following: back row - Darcie Calise and Kathy Monahan; front row - Sam Monahan, Robert Calise, and Philip Monahan. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Eighteenth annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Spfld. Civic Center

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its 18th annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Civic Center on November 22nd.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend. Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If a ride is needed, please call and leave a message on our voice mail (737-5337) by November 19th. The coordinators will get back to you as soon as possible.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.

We have much to be thankful for; let's share it with others!

Applications now available for 2nd Colleen Pageant

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee announces applications are available for the second annual Colleen Pageant by contacting Colleen Committee members Paul Kelley at 786-7697 or Joan Langevin at 789-4238, at the Agawam High School on November 26th during lunch period, or in the guidance counselor's office during the school day.

Applicants must be 17 years of age by March 17, 2002 and no more than 22 years of age by March 17, 2002. Applicants must also be a resident of Agawam. All applications have to be returned to the Colleen Committee no later than December 19, 2001.

The pageant will be held January 5, 2002 at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium. Five finalists for the Colleen and Court will be selected at the pageant.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the Colleen, who is crowned in February.

AHS Class of 1987 looking for classmates

The Agawam High School Class of 1987 15-year reunion is scheduled for Wednesday, November 27, 2002 at Chez Josef.

We are looking for too many classmates to list!

If you are a member of the Class of '87, PLEASE send the following information to Stacy (Piccoli) Wieners, 67 Debra Lane, Agawam, MA 01001 or e-mail to stacywieners@my.tupperware.com - your mailing address, e-mail address, maiden name (if applicable). Indicate if you are planning on attending and bringing a guest.

UNICO's Breakfast with Santa to benefit Brent Bovat-Crocker

Agawam UNICO is pleased to announce that its fifth Annual "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" will take place on Sunday, December 9th at the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Proceeds raised from this year's breakfast will go to benefit Brent Bovat-Crocker, a 12 year-old Agawam boy who was born prematurely. He has cerebral palsy and suffers from osteoporosis, a bone thinning disease. Brent has had titanium rods surgically inserted in his legs and has undergone numerous additional surgeries.

Brent is wheelchair-bound and attends Agawam Middle School.

Please keep this date open on your calendar. Come meet Santa and support Brent. Admission is \$4.50 for adults with children under nine years of age admitted free.

Tickets are available from any UNICO member and will also be available at the door.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

Tag Sale at Agawam Senior Ctr.



LORRAINE DALEY (left) and Joan Linnehan greeted customers at the Annual Tag Sale held recently at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club to sponsor Holiday Illuminations

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to invite Agawam families to participate in their first "Holiday Illuminations" contest. We are asking interested families who enjoy decorating the outside of their homes for the holidays to notify Stephanie at 786-4578 by November 30th. You may also send your name, address, and phone number to: Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001. Both private residences and businesses are eligible.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be selling maps for a nominal fee of \$2 beginning the first week of December. The map will indicate those homes participating in the contest and have a tear-off portion to vote for the following categories: Most Original/Creative, Most Elegant, and Best Theme. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each category.

The contest will take place through December 16th. Please join in the spirit of the season!

Westover Air Base has volunteer opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available for military retirees at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee.

Interested parties may schedule an appointment by contacting the Retirees Activities Office at 413-557-3918 between 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or 1:00-3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ag. Senior Ctr. "Friends" to host dinner/dance

"Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center is sponsoring a Holiday Dinner Dance at the Agawam Senior Center on December 14th.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available by calling Cathy at 786-9526. Reservations are required, so call early.

Dan Kane will provide music for dancing.

Agawam High School's class of 1939 gathers for reunion



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1939 met recently at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield for their 62nd class reunion. Front row (from left): Gloria Brown Dugan, Alice Kennedy Lafleur, Eleanor Tardo Pietroniro, Fanime Rossini Cupidi, Eva Farland, Rose Morris Haynes, Norma Colli Connolly, Zofia Demko, Lillian Rossi Zajac, Muriel Mathieson Spear, Elmyra Powers Hamelin, and Michael Zielinski. Back row: Ruth Halladay McKenna, Margaret Deloghia Flynn, George Kachon, Henry Pickett, Jean Goss, and Dorothy Steele Major.

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Crow's feet & squint lines

Question: I have two problems that seem to affect not only me, but also a few of my friends. One is crow's feet and squint lines around my eyes, and the second are the ugly spider vines on my legs. What do you suggest?

Answer: To address the crow's feet and squint lines, I can suggest a few solutions.

First, let's find out why we get these. Generally, we find that pale skin tends to wrinkle faster than darker skin due to the lack of surface lipids that darker skin possesses. Fair skin will show many fine "crinkly" type of wrinkles while darker skin seems to develop fewer, but deeper creases.

The skin on your body lies in sheets over the muscle while the facial skin is "woven" by finger-like projections of muscle extending into the dermis layer of the skin. This allows us to laugh, frown, smile, scowl, and raise our eyebrows. How your wrinkles appear depends by both your genes and the facial habits you develop in your lifetime.

Young skin has great elasticity and allows your expression lines to smooth down to its normal resting shape. As we age, the dermis loses its elasticity and

our character is permanently etched into our face. Good skin care is important to help maintain elasticity and moisture.

Protect yourself with sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses, as the sun is definitely your enemy! The use of a good eye cream is important because they are formulated with potent moisturizers to make up for the lack of oil glands in the eye area, and contain fewer irritating active ingredients.

If these squint or worry lines that you have probably earned simply annoy you to no end, maybe a simple injection of Botox may be what you are looking for. I have been tossing this idea around to relieve the deep squint lines I have acquired between my eyebrows. During a trip to my dermatologist, I inquired about this procedure. She told me that Botox would help give me the appearance I remember. She did say that it would not correct wrinkles due to natural aging and sun-damaged skin because these are not related to facial muscle contractions.

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Next week, I will address the second question on spider veins.

Thought for a smile: laughing so hard your cheeks hurt.

And remember...*Beauty is our Business!*

Targets Drum & Bugle Corps to host craft fair

A Holiday Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Greenleaf Community Center, 1188-1/2 Parker Street in Springfield. The Community Center is handicap-accessible and is located directly behind the 16 Acres Library.

Thirty-five local crafters, including Agawam crafters, will be on hand to sell Christmas ornaments, silk and live floral arrangements, baby items, wood products, ceramics, jewelry, candles, pottery, and other handmade items.

A crafter-donated raffle, quilt raffle, and bake sale will be available. Come to the fair sponsored by the Targets Drum and Bugle Corps and start your holiday shopping.

Manning S. Case retires from Agawam Center Library Assoc.

Manning S. Case of 57 Monroe Street in Agawam recently retired from 35 years of service as the treasurer of the Agawam Center Library Association.

Manning received a plaque last week at a Library Association meeting recognizing his dedicated service.

Mr. Case has volunteered his time and service to the library as treasurer without accepting any payment for the position. Mr. Case has been a retired teacher since 1985, where he last taught at West Springfield High School.

He and his wife, Eleanor, have been married for 50 years.

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"Yuletide at Storowton" December 1st & 2nd

"Yuletide at Storowton," Eastern State Exposition's free winter holiday festival, takes place Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The weekend event is full of holiday delight for the entire family and takes place in historic Storowton Village on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Area garden clubs, florists, and designers generously donate their time, expertise, and materials to decorate the Village's historic buildings for the holidays, according to event Chairperson Pat Byrne.

Participating clubs and florists include the Agawam, East Longmeadow, Westfield, and West Springfield Garden Clubs; Friends of Grandmother's Garden; Pepperberries Flowers & Gifts; Full Circle Farm; Eastern States Exposition; Master Gardeners of Storowton; and Storowton Village volunteers, who also serve as costumed guides for the event.

Additional holiday events at Eastern States Exposition include:

Yuletide Open House Tours: \$5 per person, children under six free. Monday, December 3rd-Saturday, December 8th, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tours of Storowton Village Museum's beautifully decorated buildings.

Yuletide Lantern Light Tours: \$5 per person, children under six free. Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Candle and lantern light tours of Storowton Village Museum decorated by area garden clubs and florists.

New England Yuletide Craft Spectacular: In the Stroh Building, \$4 per person, children under 12 free. Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Village at 787-0136 or Eastern States Exposition at 737-2443.

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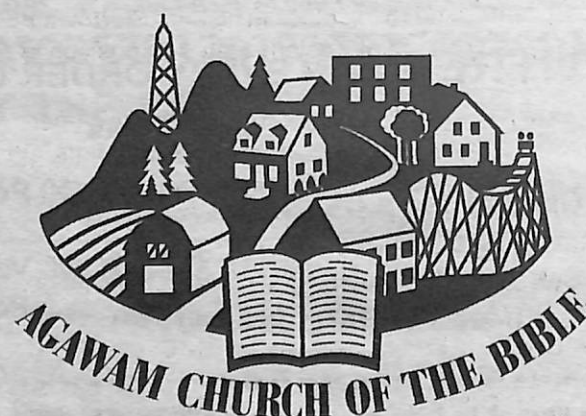


We cordially invite you to join us for our 10th Anniversary Celebration to be held as part of our regular Sunday morning service!

- * Sunday, November 25, 10AM
- * Agawam Junior High School Auditorium
- * Slides of our 10-year history, personal testimonies, great worship, special music and more
- * Reception immediately following the service
- * Come get a glimpse of God's work at Agawam Church of the Bible over the years!



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Church News

Agawam Crop Walk helps the hungry...



THE REVEREND ROB DONALDSON (at left) of Feeding Hills Congregational Church was given a "Founders Award" for his many years of organization and participation in the Annual Agawam Crop Walk at this year's event held last month. Presenting Rev. Donaldson with the award is Candy Boucher (at right), executive director of the Parish Cupboard (a recipient of the day's proceeds). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



In left photo: Nancy Edwards of Agawam was one of the many local participants in this year's Crop Walk. In right photo: Ashley Bailleul (far right) affixes a Crop Walk sticker to Katie Mack's jacket before embarking on the trek through the streets in town in the effort to fight world hunger. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

At November 25th service...

Agawam Church of the Bible to celebrate 10-year anniversary

Agawam Church of the Bible will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary during the regular Sunday morning service at the Agawam Junior High School on November 25th at 10:00 a.m. (see the full-page invitation elsewhere in this paper).

The public is cordially invited to attend this service and get a glimpse of God's work at Agawam Church of the Bible over the years. This special service will consist of slides of the church's 10-year history; testimonies of a few; special music; great worship; and more.

If you've been wanting to check out that church that meets at the Junior High School, you couldn't pick a better service!

Agawam Church of the Bible held its first public service on November 18, 1991 at the Agawam Junior High School with just a handful of people attending. They have steadily grown to a group of about 150 people attending services.

Current ministries include a vibrant children's program; teen ministries; a midweek program for children and adults; small group studies for adults; the annual Vacation Bible School at the Middle School; an annual church retreat; and a variety of social activities (Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance, Square Dance, etc.).

The church has been served by two pastors over its 10-year history. The church was founded by Roger Martin, who - after departing in 1998 - has recently returned to the area and serves in a lay capacity in the church (welcome back, Rog!).

Pastor Brad Wright, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, was commissioned in 1999 and continues to serve the church with great joy and excitement about the future that God has for this church. Pastor Brad says, "We have had 10 great years experiencing God's work and goodness to us, but by far the best is yet to come!"

The church has continued to retain its distinctiveness over the years of contemporary worship, relevant biblical messages, a genuine love for one another, and a heart to reach lost people with the knowledge of God's love and grace.

"Annual Holiday Fair" at Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 23rd "Annual Holiday Fair" on December 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church hall (1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield). The fair will feature local craft persons and traditional church shops.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Women in Christ group to help fund their missions.

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Calendar from Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our 26th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker this week will be Marian Woods Hansen. The Lector for this week is Lani Kretschmar. Ushers are Sue Boisvert and Eddie O'Connor.

On the calendar:

* **Thurs., 11/22:** Happy Thanksgiving! (No A.A.; no Church of Redemption.)

* **Sun., 11/25:** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. (guest speaker - Marian Woods Hansen); Church of Redemption, 12:00 noon.

* **Mon., 11/26:** Girl Scouts #593, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts #78, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

* **Tues., 11/27:** Girl Scouts #578, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.; A.A., 7:00 p.m.; Financial Stewardship, 7:15 p.m.

* **Wed., 11/28:** Brownie Troup #525, 6:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

* **Thurs., 11/29:** A.A., 7:00 p.m.; C.O.R., 7:00 p.m.

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On Wednesday, Nov. 21st... St. John's Church to host Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Agawam Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church on November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Howard McCormick, St. John the Evangelist Church, will conduct the Welcome and Thanksgiving proclamation with the Rev. Walter Woitsek, Agawam United Methodist Church, opening with prayer.

The Lighthouse Worship Team from Lighthouse Christian Center, Feeding Hills, will be leading the worship and praise.

Rev. Earl Eisenbach, Agawam Congregational Church, Rev. Gary Reiff, Lighthouse Christian Center, Rev. Scott Seabury, St. David's Episcopal, and Sister Mary Clare Finn, St. John the Evangelist Church, will be leading different reflections.

Pastor Brad Wright from Agawam Church of the Bible will be leading the offering, which will be used for the Agawam/West Springfield Thanksgiving Dinner.

Rev. Ronald Sadlowski, Sacred Heart Church, will be delivering the Thanksgiving litany with Rev. Howard McCormick, St. John the Evangelist, closing with prayer.

Please join us in this special time of giving. God thanks in a corporate united atmosphere.

This is open to the public and free of charge. For additional information, please call 786-7111.

Agawam residents invited to W. Spfld Thanksgiving Dinner

Agawam Parish Association will be unable to provide Thanksgiving dinner for the community this year.

The West Springfield Parish & Interfaith Association has graciously invited residents from the Town of Agawam to participate in their program. We thank our neighbors in the next town for this.

They have been holding this dinner for 20 years, and it has grown from 120 to over 1,000 in attendance.

There is no charge, and a small fruit basket and plant will be given to each family. We don't want anyone to be alone during this holiday.

The dinner will be held on Thanksgiving, November 22nd, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. (continuous servings) in the cafeteria at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, on Westfield Street (across from Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home.)

As in the past, volunteers are needed. Dinners will also be delivered to shut-ins and people with family members in the hospital.

For more information, please call Carol Treganowan at 786-1912.

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A Day for Thanksgiving...

It is reported that in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks, a significant portion of our American population is suffering from depression in varying degrees. One need only to observe the general immediate reaction to the apparently accidental airplane crash on Long Island to realize that we're all on edge. When England was being bombed by the Nazis during World War II, someone once said to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, "We'll never laugh again," to which Churchill replied, "Oh yes, we will laugh; but we'll never be young again." Many, if not most of us, can now personally identify with these sentiments.

As we embark upon the holiday season, some of us may feel that it is somehow inappropriate for us to be in a celebratory mood. Some of us may even feel guilty if we experience some happiness. Is there some way we can legitimately and appropriately regain our joy? Can we get to the place where we can not only laugh, but are actually young again?

It is not only legitimate, but perhaps necessary, that we celebrate a Day of Thanksgiving. It is true that we Americans have suffered a tremendous blow, the likes of which were heretofore unimaginable. Thousands of people died, and many more thousands of people live with deep and abiding personal loss as a result. All of us who are old enough to comprehend our surroundings have suffered a tremendous shock.

However, we are not the only, nor the first, Americans to suffer so badly. It was in the middle of the Civil War, in 1863, that President Abraham Lincoln issued a Presidential Proclamation, designating the last Thursday of November to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. With the passage of time, the horrors of the Civil War (which pitted not only region against region, state against state, but even family members against each other) are no longer painful. But make no mistake about it; at the time, the Civil War was absolutely horrendous. As well, in 1863, there was no end in sight for the American people.

President Lincoln was correct to declare a Day of Thanksgiving when he did. The people of his day needed to pause, to look around and then up, and to thank God for His goodness towards them. Psalm 136 says, **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods; His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords; His love endures forever.** The psalm goes on to enumerate God's grace towards us. It would not be a bad idea if each family took the time to read Psalm 136 at the dinner table on Thanksgiving

Day, as it would surely encourage our hearts to do so.

The enemy of humankind who was ultimately behind the terrorist attacks of September 11th would like nothing more than for us to forget that **God's love endures forever.** The Bible tells us that **your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering.** The Bible refers to another group of people who were undergoing some sort of suffering. The devil has made a career of making people miserable, but God says we don't have to let that happen to us! The antidote to the misery the enemy of humankind pours out is to **resist him, standing firm in the faith.**

This Thanksgiving, perhaps like no other Thanksgiving in recent memory, we need to look around at the goodness of the Lord to us, and then to look up to Him with hearts and voices filled with Thanksgiving. These are troubled times, and we have no idea how long the troubles will last, nor what other troubles may come our way; but God has not changed! **He is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever.** Offer your thanksgiving to God, **to the One who remembered us in our low estate; His love endures forever. And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

The "Good News" from First Baptist Church in Agawam

The First Baptist Church of Agawam is located at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Our telephone number is: (413) 786-7300, and our e-mail address is: FIRSTBAPTISTAGWM@AOL.COM.

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We invite you to come and join us at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Sunday, November 25th, at 9:30 a.m. for our morning service. Visitors are always welcome to come and join us for this time of fellowship and worship in our sanctuary.

Come join us to share the inspirational message

and the wonderful fellowship that you find here at the First Baptist Church of Agawam. As always, the members of our wonderful choir will provide us with uplifting and glorious music.

Children of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend the worship service with adults. Following the Children's Story, if they wish, all children leave the Sanctuary to attend Children's Church (a fellowship activity for children ages four through the fourth grade).

The younger children are encouraged to go to the Nursery for a fun time making crafts, playing with games and toys, and being around other children.

Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome at our worship services and are encouraged to stay after the service for coffee and conversation in Davis Hall.

Following this time of fellowship, we offer Sunday School classes for adults and children. The Sunday school classes are for children who are in preschool all the way through and up to adults.

An adult Bible Study class led by Marianne Tompkins is offered each Sunday following worship in The Upper Room, which is located above Lockhart Parlor.

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Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. —Genesis 24:1

The 2000 US presidential election was finally decided after weeks of recounts, court battles, and controversy about punch-card ballots. Political pundits and comedians had a heyday. Even after the Florida recount wrangling was over, a billboard along a Michigan highway reminded travelers of those post-election days. It carried this clever message: "Count your blessings. Recount if necessary."

In Genesis 24:1 we read that "the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things." Remarkable! The brief biography of Abraham's 175 years (11:29-25:8) reveals blessing after blessing interwoven through all the adversities, testings, and even failures of his life. He received guidance (12:1), the promise of a homeland (13:14-15), great wealth (13:2), success in battle (14:16), an everlasting covenant from God to be his God (17:7), an heir at the age of 100 (21:2), protection for his family (19:16; 20:2-8)—and these are just a few. Many were repeated. Each blessing seemed to add one more fiber in the making of a strong cord of faith.

As we review our years, whether many or few, we can see that same wonderful mixture of blessings, promises, and mercy running through our lives, even the trials and lapses of faith. If we can't, maybe a recount is necessary. —DJJ

*For blessings without number
 And the joys they do afford,
 Accept my deepest heartfelt thanks—
 I am so grateful, Lord. —Lyle*

Praise to God comes naturally when you count your blessings.

News & notes from Ag. Congregational

The mission statement of Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street) is: *A church where the Holy Spirit is alive, uniting people with Christ through ... transforming ministries, vibrant worship, diligent study, and warm fellowship.*

Our Sunday worship service on Sunday, November 25th, will begin at 10:30 a.m. There is childcare available during the a.m. service for infants and toddlers. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall. Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are also members of the Order of St. Luke and are always available for prayer after the service.

THIS COMING WEEK...

Sunday: 7:00 p.m., New Members Seminar.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m., Council meeting.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m., Play Group; 7:00 p.m., Praise.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

"BE THANKFUL 2001": Event at Pioneer Valley Christian School, 965 Plumtree Road, Springfield, on November 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Music, food, and raffles!

New members to be received on December 2nd: Please see Rev. Earl if you are interested in signing up to join the church.

"DivorceCare" - December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the

Friendship Room. (Newcomers welcome.)

Set aside Friday, December 7th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for our second **Christmas Festival of Trees**. Bryan Hall will be decorated with varying size trees, wall hangings, and wreaths to purchase. This event is planned for our church and those in the community to enjoy as a gala Christmas event for Agawam. Last year, close to 75 trees were made and sold. We hope you won't miss this. As someone said last year, "I never thought this would be so lovely."

Woman to Woman Bible Study Group: Come Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marie Desroches. Study with other women on "how to apply the bible to our daily lives." For further information, please call Marie at 786-9862.

2002-2003 Pocket Calendars: The Fellowship Guild offers these calendars for \$2 each. These make excellent gifts for family members and friends. They are on sale in Bryan Hall at the coffee hour or in the church office.

Weekly Playgroup: Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Parents and preschool children. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111 or Lisa Fielder at 786-0749. No charge.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, you may call the church office at 786-7111. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Weekly activities at All Saints Parish

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St. Anthony of Padua Church, 108 Bridge St., Agawam; St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, 74 Bridge St., Agawam. Rectory: (413) 786-4451.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., Nov. 22nd: 9:00 a.m., *Thanksgiving Day* Mass at St. Anthony's. Everyone is asked to bring a "bread" to be blessed and exchanged with fellow parishioners (there will be NO evening Mass). "As we give thanks to the Lord for his love and all that HE has blessed us with, let us also give thanks to the men and women who are away from home during the holiday working to make our country a safer place to live. May we also remember all those who lost their lives during the tragedy of September 11th. God Bless you, and Happy Thanksgiving from All Saints Parish."

Fri., Nov. 23rd: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's.

Sat., Nov. 24th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 4:30 p.m., Mass at

St. Theresa's.

Sun., Nov. 25th: 8:30 a.m., The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (34th and Final Sunday in Ordinary Time) -Mass at St. Anthony's; 9:30 a.m., CCD grades K-6 meet in the Education Center at St. Anthony / grades 7-10 meet in the Parish Center of St. Theresa; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Mon., Nov. 26th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal for 8:30/11:00 Choirs at St. Anthony's.

Tues., Nov. 27th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass. at St. Theresa's; 6:30 p.m., Adult Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

Wed., Nov. 28th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., COMMUNION SERVICE (NO MASS); 7:00 p.m., Cantata Rehearsal at St. Theresa.

Thurs., Nov. 29th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

"Singing Christmas Tree" at Bethany Assembly of God

Bethany Assembly of God of Agawam will present the 27th annual Singing Christmas Tree celebration during the weekends of December 7th, 8th, and 9th, and December 14th, 15th, and 16th.

The Christmas music spectacular is the church's "Christmas gift" to the Pioneer Valley and surrounding area, and over 7,000 view the Singing Christmas Tree each year during the eight presentations at the church.

The Bethany Choir is arrayed as ornaments on the specially designed steel structure that rises 25 feet from platform to ceiling. Computer-controlled lighting brings the tree to life, dancing to the music.

This year's musical is entitled *"All is Calm, All is Bright,"* written by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse and orchestrated by Camp Kirkland. In light of the events of September 11th, the theme takes on greater meaning, and the thrust of the timeless Christmas message will come alive during these special presentations.

The Bethany Choir will be joined by the 25-piece Bethany Orchestra for this Christmas spectacular that begins Friday, December 7th, at 7:00 p.m., and continues Saturday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 9th, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

There will be four more presentations the following weekend: Friday, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 15th, at 6:00 p.m.; and the final two presentations on Sunday, December 16th, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

All seats are free, with no reserved seating. There will be signing for the deaf and a nursery for infants provided in each of the eight presentations. For more information, you can call the church at 789-2930.

Looking for adventure? Then join Venture Crew 185

Venture Crew 185 in Agawam is organizing for the 2001-2002 season. Our Venture program is open to young men and women ages 15 to 21. Some of our activities include camping, hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, and visiting historical places.

Where: The Agawam Baptist Church (Main Street and Elm Street).

When: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Ray LaBorde, 789-0097, or Mike Bitgood, 786-5394.

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From the Pastor's desk at St. John's Church

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar: The Annual Bazaar is Saturday, December 1st - less than two weeks away! Raffle tickets have been mailed to each parish family. *Drop them in the collection basket this coming weekend!* Your support to this project is appreciated. The chairmen are still accepting new and used toys and jewelry; attic treasures; donations for the "Bountiful Basket"; homemade candy; and baked goods. The Bazaar set-up will be on Friday, November 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (they can always use extra hands to help). Santa Claus will be at the bazaar from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; photo-ops will be available. Remember ... all proceeds of the Raffle and Bazaar go directly to benefit our parish!

Entertainment Books: The Catholic Women's Club has "Entertainment Books" for sale, with profits going to the club. Call Lil Doyle, 786-9586, if interested.

Giving Tree: Our Giving Tree project is moving along nicely. The team is busy at work preparing to erect the tree on November 24th with the requests of what someone would like for Christmas, inviting the parish once again to be part of this exercise of Christian love.

Used Clothing: As of November 8th, we have stopped receiving useable clothing (due to space availability) until January 1st. We are grateful for all who take the time to donate clothes for the needy.

A New Approach To Scripture: Sometimes when we read the Scriptures, we get a little confused because we are not familiar with so much of the background. This eight-week program will try to clear up some of this with an easy-to-follow video presentation by the ladies who did such a great job on *Scripture From Scratch*. The world of the Bible will cover its geography, history, religious concepts of the Hebrew people, the religious life and political climate of Jesus' day, and the human identity of Jesus. We will start this on December 6th, the First Week of Advent. Why not plan on being with us? You will find it helpful and rewarding.

OFFERTORY ANGEL: Every now and then, we explain the purpose of the ANGEL at the front door of the Church. When someone has a Mass celebrated for someone, they are invited to pick up the statue on their way in, thereby letting the ushers know that someone is ready to bring in the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory. If the statue is still there five minutes before Mass, they will then ask someone to fulfill this act.

BEGIN ADVENT IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYER: Join Sr. Mary Clare on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the lower Church for reflection on "Advent: A Time Of Hope."

Santa Claus to appear at St. John's Christmas Bazaar

Come one, come all - come and browse! Santa Claus will be coming to St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar (833 Main Street) on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The booths will feature many holiday delights, including toys, jewelry, attic treasures, plants, candy and baked goodies, Christmas ornaments and wreaths, and knitting and sewing items. There will also be various raffles and a snack bar.

The "elves" of the church have been very busy and cordially invite everyone of all ages to have pictures taken with Santa for a small donation.

The co-chairwomen this year are Paula Raiche, Joan Malinoski, and Angela Beaudry.

See you there!

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At Agawam First Baptist...

Trading Post to hold "Big Sale" on November 28th

The Trading Post, located at the First Baptist Church of Agawam (corner of Main and Elm Street, Agawam), will be holding its first-of-the-season "Big Sale" on Wednesday, November 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donated items will be 50-percent off, and all other items will be 20-percent off. What's more, there will be a "\$4 bag sale" from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

There will be fantastic buys on misses', juniors', and men's apparel; stylish "stouts"; children's clothing; baby articles; coats; jackets; jerseys; sweaters; blouses; jeans; slacks; skirts; shoes; boots; skates; household items; and knick-knacks.

We hope to see you there! (Please note that the Trading Post will not be accepting any incoming items on sale day.)

"Christmas Festival of Trees" at Ag. Congregational

A "Christmas Festival of Trees" will take place at Agawam Congregational Church on December 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The church's Bryan Hall will be aglow with the lights of the season.

Come and enjoy the beautifully decorated Christmas trees in varying sizes, along with wall and table decorations (all available to purchase). Hot mulled cider and ginger cookies (memories of the past), as well as other delicious light refreshments, will be served.

This is planned as a gala evening for the church and the community, and is a wonderful way to begin this festive season. A \$3 admission fee will be charged.

If you missed this last year, you will want to be sure to attend this year!

"Gifts & Good Taste" Holiday Fair

The "Gifts & Good Taste" Holiday Fair will be held at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

The Fair will take place on Friday, November 30th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This festive events is being sponsored by the Bethany Assembly of God Women's Ministry.

There will be holiday gifts and decorations, handmade gift items, and a bake sale.

A luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 1st.

Proceeds from this fair will benefit Mission Projects at home and abroad.

News from Lighthouse Christian Center

Our vision at the Lighthouse Christian Center (522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills) exists to raise up a people passionately in love with Jesus Christ, to take the gospel into New England and to the ends of the earth.

Intercessory Prayer: Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Worship: Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Prayer: Friday morning, 6:00 a.m.

Harp & Bowl: Worship and Intercessory Prayer every Saturday evening, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Foundations for Life Class: Every Sunday morning following worship.

Following Worship: Childcare is provided in the Nursery for ages 0-2. Toddler's Church is held downstairs for ages 3 & 4. Children's Church is held in the "Upper Room" for ages 5-14.

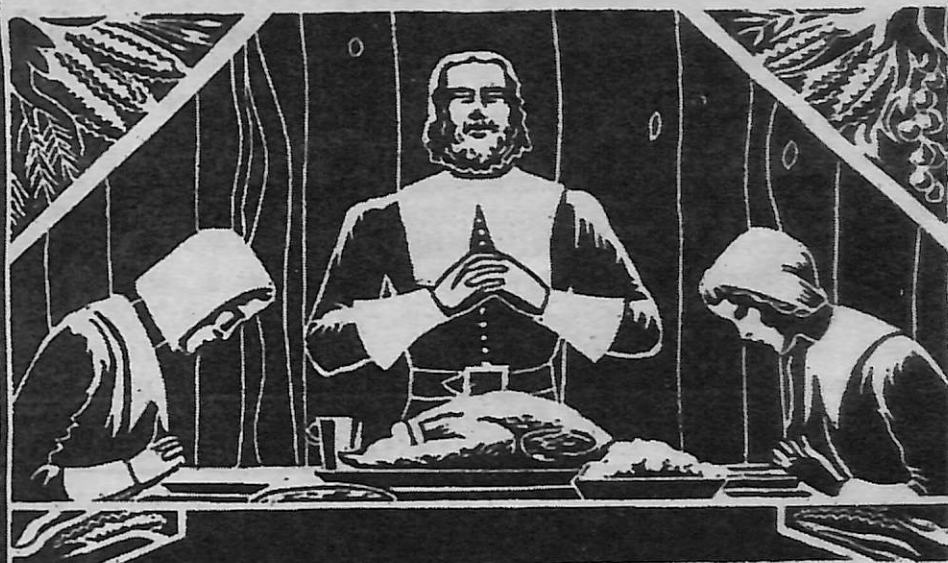
Upcoming events at Faith Bible Church

We at Faith Bible Church wish all of the families in Agawam and Feeding Hills a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. We pray that all who travel will do so safely and enjoy their time with family and friends.

* **December 1st:** Men's Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m.

* **December 7th:** A dance recital for the creative dance classes held at the church twice a week. (More information will follow.)

"I will praise God's
name in song..."



and glorify Him
with thanksgiving."

- Psalms 69:30

May you remember all the wondrous blessings the Lord
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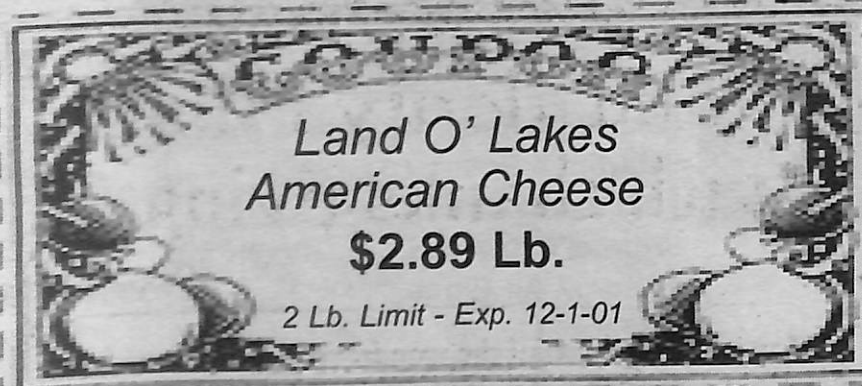
We have a "Second Chance Lottery" drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall.
 Drawing to be held December 14th. (Stop in for details.)

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Spotlight on Business

Super Stop & Shop helps Juvenile Diabetes...



SUPER STOP & SHOP in Feeding Hills Center was the site for a big fundraiser to benefit the Western Mass. Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. In top photo: Dancers from the Shooting Star Dance Center in Agawam performed for the crowd. From left - Candace Flaherty, Karen Hadden, Patrick Lafleur, Brenda Hadden, and Jessica Roy. Front - Erinn Gormley. In photo below: Super Stop & Shop Customer Service Manager Ken Romano and his mother, Lois Romano (right), are pictured with his niece, Cathy Myers and his sister, Kathy Myers. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Do you need to raise money?

Does your organization need to raise money? Do you know of someone with an illness who needs help financially? Perhaps you know someone getting married who could use some extra funds?

I help people and organizations (even schools and daycares) raise the money they need. If you are interested or have questions, please call me, Connie Majewski, at 789-1833.

I can help!

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Dawn Struck joins CENTURY 21 Schuler, Lewis & Arnold

CENTURY 21 Schuler, Lewis & Arnold is pleased to announce that Dawn Struck has joined its firm as a sales associate. She will specialize in residential real estate sales in Agawam and Feeding Hills, as well as the Greater Springfield area.

"We are excited to have her join the CENTURY 21 Schuler, Lewis & Arnold team of professionals," said John Schuler, Broker/Owner. "It's an exciting time to be with the CENTURY 21 System as we continue to increase our presence in the Pioneer Valley," he added.

Dawn recently completed the CENTURY 21 Real Estate Licensing School and in-house training program. "Our in-house training program focuses on quality service, fulfilling our customer and clients' wants and needs to their satisfaction by understanding and utilizing all the resources available to us. We believe training supports growth and professional excellence in the real estate industry. Performance-based training is necessary to assure that CENTURY 21 associates maintain their competitive edge and offer the best service possible to their clients," said Schuler.

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CENTURY 21 Schuler, Lewis & Arnold, located in the Crossroad Shoppes, Feeding Hills, provides real estate services to many communities in the Greater Springfield and the Pioneer Valley areas. They can be reached at 789-1117.

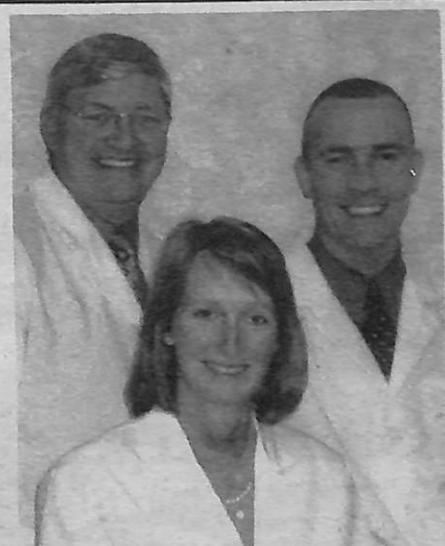
Toastmasters meet twice a month at Country Estates

Are you fearful of speaking in public? Are you looking to improve your "presentation skills"? If you've answered "yes" to either or both of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you.

Meeting are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Country Estates Nursing Home, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam.

For further information about Toastmasters, call Don Prisby at 789-1136.

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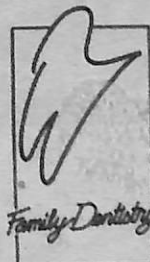


Left to Right: Dr. Eugene Markowski, Dr. Dawn Cooley and Dr. Robert Fridlind

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Be the buyer

One of the best things you can do to hasten the sale of your home is to think like a buyer. Get in touch with what buyers want, and package your home accordingly. To get the buyer's attention, you must be objective and realistic.

Understand that the way you actually live in your house is not the way you want it to look and feel to prospective buyers. This means that you'll have to expand your perspective and develop an unemotional view of your property.

A home is a refuge. As soon as we move into a house, we become less objective about it. The longer we live in the house, the more emotional we become about it. We celebrate milestones and holidays, share with friends, bring babies home, raise them, and perhaps have them then bring their babies for a visit.

The memories become one with the house. In the meantime, we're so busy enjoying the house that we get used to the kitchen drawer that sticks, and the closet door that needs to be kicked at the bottom in order to open. We arrange the living room furniture to

hide the cigarette burn in the carpet, and we gave up years ago worrying about getting the doorbell fixed.

These things make the house ours alone. Understanding all the quirks and idiosyncrasies of a home is like understanding all the quirks and idiosyncrasies of an elderly grandparent: we keep the fond memories foremost in our minds, and forgive all the little stuff. A house that's been home to you and your family, if only for a few years, has probably loved you well and you've loved it back.

When you take on a buyer's perspective, you will quickly realize that which the owner sees as quirky charm does indeed have the potential to drive a buyer right back out the door.

The first thing you can do to distance yourself from your home emotionally is to refer to it as a 'house.' Stop calling it a 'home.' 'Home' is rife with sentiment and emotion. 'House' is the structure where you live and from which you hope to get the best selling price. The next thing you'll want to do is get out of your house, and into some other people's houses, and watch how buyers operate.

Go to Open Houses in your area, and notice how buyers look around. Listen to what they say. Pay particular attention to emotional statements like "Oh! This is so charming!" and "Oh, my. WHAT were they thinking?" Listen for comments like, "We'll have to paint," or "New carpet would do wonders for the place." Make notes about how you feel about the house.

When you view these houses, imagine living there.

Do you see yourself and your family in these surroundings? If so, make notes of the positive features that appeal to you. Is the interior sunny and fresh? Are things uncluttered and orderly? Is the neutral decor pleasant? If the house is a definite 'no,' make a list of what it is that turns you off. A dreary interior? Ugly carpet? Dirty windows?

Visit model homes and note professional staging that's been done to appeal to buyers. Model homes are perfect, sparkling, and uncluttered. No one lives in a model home, but the house is arranged to create the impression that someone does live there. That's the point: you want to create the same feel in your home that will make the buyer want to move right in. This is best accomplished if you are objective about your house, and distance yourself emotionally.

In addition to Open Houses and model homes, you can get ideas from magazines. Examine the photos carefully and determine exactly what is so appealing. You can use many of the ideas and suggestions in your house. Just a few pleasing touches can have a major impact on the look and feel you present to buyers. When you are preparing your home for sale, use the ideas that appealed to you most. The chances are that the person who buys your home will have tastes that are very similar to yours.

PAM SAVIOLI is a full-time professional Realtor with over 14 years of experience. Call Pam at (413) 748-7565 with any real estate questions you might have.

Legal Memo

by

Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.
546 Springfield St., F.H.
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Negligence & Tort Failure to Restrain Poodle

The 57-year-old plaintiff was walking her leashed dog when she encountered an employee of the defendants who had two unleashed dogs, one of which, a standard poodle, was owned by the defendants.

As the plaintiff approached, the employee held the

defendants' dog by the collar and reportedly indicated to the plaintiff that the dog was occasionally unfriendly. In an effort to avoid the dog, the plaintiff turned the corner and walked away. The plaintiff heard the employee yell out to the dog, and when she turned around, she saw the poodle charging directly toward her. The dog jumped on the plaintiff's leg causing a tibial plateau fracture.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendants were strictly liable pursuant to G.L.c. 140, section 155. The plaintiff also claimed that the defendants were negligent in failing to restrain their dog in violation of the City Ordinances, c. 16-1, section 9.

As a result of the accident, the plaintiff's left tibial plateau fracture required surgical fixation with two screws and a bone graft. Her medical bills totaled \$27,934.00.

The plaintiff and her medical expert were prepared to testify that she continued to suffer symptoms from this injury, including pain, stiffness, weakness, swelling, and buckling. The defendants' expert was prepared to testify that the plaintiff's fracture and surgery had an excellent outcome with little or no residual symptoms or restrictions. There was also a question about which the medical experts disagreed; whether the plaintiff suffered an aggravation of a pre-existing right planovalgus foot deformity.

The case was settled for \$200,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

Directors sought for Ag. Small Business Assistance Center

Mayor Richard A. Cohen has announced that he is accepting letters of interest from individuals wishing to serve on the Agawam Small Business Assistance Center Board of Directors.

The Small Business Assistance Center - to be located at 1325 Springfield Street (The Community Shops) - is the joint effort of the Town of Agawam, the STCC Enterprise Center, and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. The Agawam Small Business Assistance Center will be a resource for free professional consulting, counseling, and information for people who want to start or improve their own small business.

Professionals from the Service Corps for Retired Executives (SCORE), the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center (MSBDC), and the Western Massachusetts Enterprise Fund will provide training on how to prepare and communicate a business plan; do a feasibility study or market research; and gain knowledge on business management, financing, technology, and other related topics.

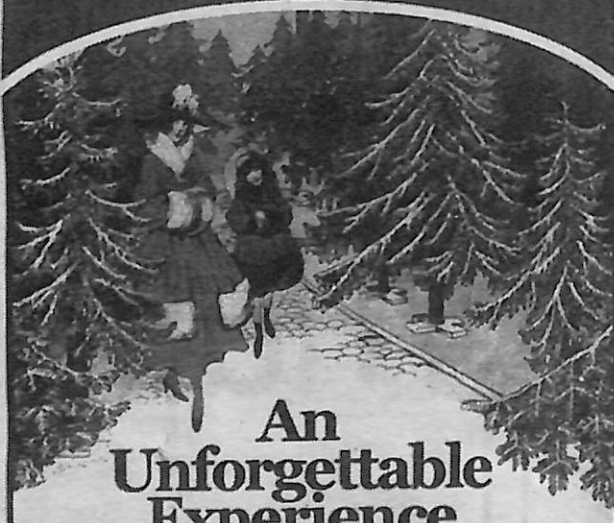
Individuals interested in serving on the Board of Directors should send a letter of interest to Mayor Cohen, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

If you wish to put a "Letter To The Editor" in The Advertiser News, the letter must have your signature, street address, and phone number. We will not publish your street address or phone number.

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MAUREEN SKIPPER

Maureen Skipper to retire from VNA & Hospice

Maureen Skipper of Agawam, president of the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice (VNAH) of Western New England and Senior Vice President for Home and Community Based Services at Baystate Health System, has announced that she is retiring from her positions effective December 31, 2001.

She has served as president of the VNAH since 1981.

"I am proud that under my leadership, the VNAH has provided thousands and thousands of patients and families with quality home health and hospice care.

"In addition, I am pleased to have had the opportunity to be part of Baystate Health System and its mission of improving the health of the people in our communities. Clearly, I have mixed emotions, but know it is time for me to pursue other interests and activities," said Skipper.

In 1996, the VNAH joined Baystate health System and Skipper accepted further responsibilities, including oversight of Infusion and Respiratory Services of Western New England, Baystate Employee Assistance Program, and the Baystate Rehabilitation Network.

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From Baystate Medical Center...

"Healthful Gourmet" Peter Savenko of Agawam offers more healthy holiday recipes

Peter Savenko of Agawam - Baystate Medical Center's "Healthful Gourmet" - has a number of "healthful" recipes for you and your family to enjoy this holiday season. (Last week, *The AAN* published four of these "healthful" recipes; this week, we are pleased to present four more.)

"These special holiday recipes all use common sense, health-conscious principles and practices," said Savenko, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Baystate Medical Center. "We have taken your classic turkey dinner and modified it to make it healthier," he added.

Among the modifications designed to make the recipe a "Healthful Gourmet" staple are:

* The use of tofu in a Cheddar Broccoli Bake recipe as a replacement for cheese and as a replacement for milk in a recipe for Strawberry Pudding. "The nutritional benefit of tofu is that it's completely cholesterol-free, low in fat, and high in protein," said Savenko.

* Margarine is used instead of butter, and egg substitutes are used instead of eggs in order to cut cholesterol levels of recipes.

* Minimal added salt was used for flavor.

* Savenko cooks the stuffing outside of the bird, especially if it contains egg or egg products, so that it will cook thoroughly.

* Savenko's recipe for cranberry relish offers a much higher fiber content than canned cranberry sauce and has no preservatives.

"When it comes to the holidays, although you should always be health conscious, don't be health foolish," said Savenko. "The holidays don't come very often and are meant to be enjoyed. An occasional plunge should not harm anyone if done in moderation."

CRANBERRY- ORANGE RELISH

Yield: 8 servings
(65 calories per 1/4 cup serving)

Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh cranberries, finely chopped
 - 2 tbsp. grated orange rind
 - 1 medium orange, peeled, sectioned, seeded, and chopped
 - 1 medium-size green apple, cored and finely chopped
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl; stir well. Cover and chill overnight.



MOIST BREAD STUFFING

Yield: 10 cups

Ingredients

- 1 cup whipped margarine
- 2 cups diced celery
- 1 and 1/2 cups chopped onions
- 1/4 cup minced parsley
- 3/4 cup cholesterol-free egg substitute
- 2 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 18 cups white bread cubes
- 2 and 1/4 tsp. salt

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Taking care of yourself

The holiday season is here - in full force! Oftentimes, people tend to neglect themselves at this time of year; they're so busy shopping, wrapping, baking, etc.

What tends to happen is they stop exercising, start grabbing quick, unhealthy, fast foods, and take little time for themselves. When this happens, the immune system becomes weakened, then bam! - here comes a nasty cold or flu.

The body is saying enough is enough, I need rest. The body is pretty amazing. It lets us know what it needs. However, we choose to ignore it most of the time.

How many times have you ignored the ache between the shoulders or low back while shopping or wrapping? The mind is focused on finishing our list of to-do's, not focused on ourselves.

It's only when it's too late that people will say, "I should have stopped sooner. I did too much. I just wanted to finish my project." This holiday season, give yourself a gift:

- * LISTEN TO YOUR BODY
- * SLOW DOWN
- * ENJOY THE SEASON
- * TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

Here's to a happy and healthy holiday season!

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In 8-quart Dutch oven over medium heat, cook celery and onions in hot whipped margarine until tender, about 10 minutes.

Add parsley, salt, poultry seasoning and pepper; stir well until thoroughly mixed. Stir in bread cubes and cholesterol-free egg substitute; mix together well.

Bake for 45 minutes at 350 F.

FRESH BAKED SWEET POTATO

Yield: 6 portions

Ingredients



6 fresh sweet potatoes (washed)

6 tsp. margarine

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place sweet potatoes onto a sheet pan. Place sheet pan into oven for approximately 1 hour or until sweet potatoes are done. Serve with margarine.

STRAWBERRY TOFU PUDDING

Yield: 4 - 1/2 cup servings

Ingredients

1 cup tofu, drained

1 cup fresh strawberries, stems removed, washed

2 tbsp. granulated sugar.

Combine all of the above ingredients into a blender cup.

Blend at high speed for approximately 1 minute or until mixture is smooth and creamy.

Chill and serve.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



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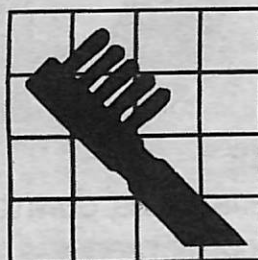
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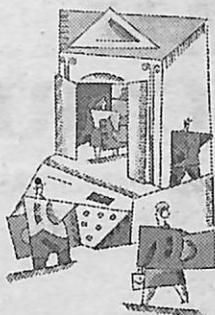
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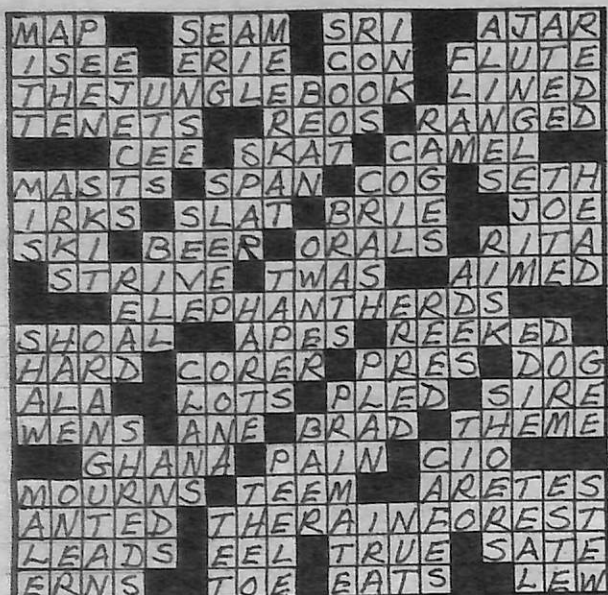
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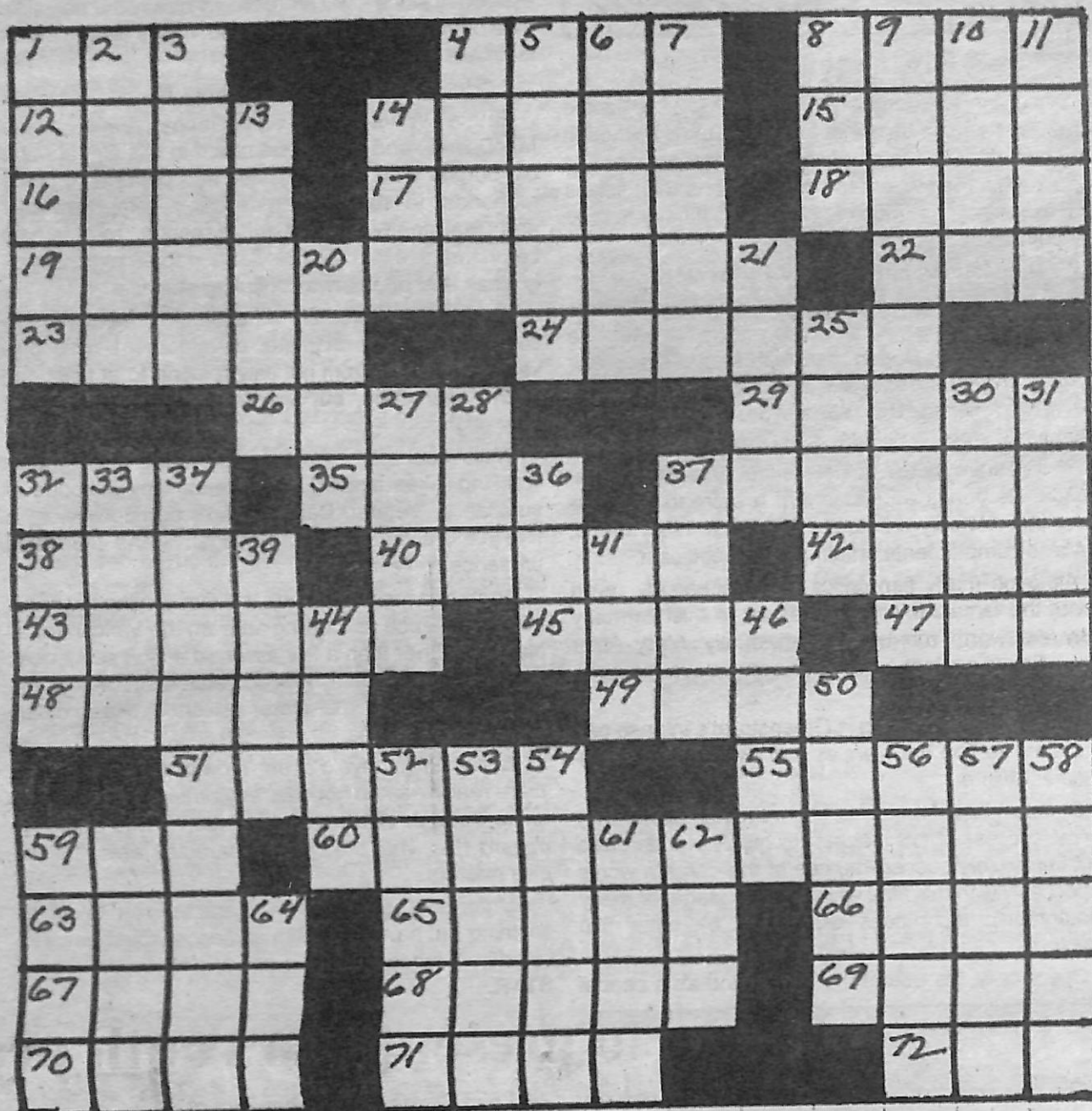
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



"Artisan Fair" at Leonard House

The first "Artisan Fair" is to be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Saturday, November 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The original idea for this fair was to highlight local artisans and their creativity; however, this has been overshadowed by the "Children to Children" project.

Among these artisans will be local children who have shown their creativity through a project called "Children to Children." All items at this booth will have been created by local children, with all proceeds going to the children of Afghanistan. These children found a way to heal through sharing.

For further information on the "Artisan Fair," "Children to Children," or available booth space, please call Sally at 789-4067.

Great Pretenders to hold auditions for spring show

Auditions for "Sandbag, Stage Left" - to be produced by The Great Pretenders in May of 2002 - will be held at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, November 29th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for members, and Friday, November 30th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

With 15 parts for males and females of all ages, the hilarious comedy will be directed by Gini Andrewes. Scripts are available for reading by calling (413) 821-9932.

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On December 2nd & 3rd... Suffield Players to hold auditions

The Suffield Players will hold open auditions for their winter production of Jean Giraudoux's modern fantasy/fable, "THE MAD WOMAN of CHAILLOT" on Sunday and Monday, December 2nd and 3rd from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at historic Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., Suffield.

The show dates will be February 21, 22, 23, and March 1, 2, 8, and 9, 2002, with Lyle Pearsons directing. The cast calls for 30-plus men and women, ages 25-65.

Copies of the script will be available at Kent Library in Suffield. Auditioners are reminded to read the Maurice Valency adaptation of the play. For more information, call 860-668-0858 or 413-592-3755.

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For the “birds”???

Since this is Thanksgiving week, I have selected three films whose titles are related to birds (although only one of them can be even remotely considered as a “turkey”). Does this mean that the films themselves are, as we say, for the birds? Well, you’ll have to read on to find out. Enjoy the holiday!

* “The Maltese Falcon”: 1941. Not rated.

For those of you who enjoy an intriguing detective drama with substance, then this one is for you. The famed Humphrey Bogart stars with Mary Astor, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet, and Elisha Cook, Jr. in this early remake of the 1931 film based upon Dashiell Hammett’s story.

Bogart stars as the quintessential detective, Sam Spade. He brings an element of realism to his character that not only creates great moments of drama, but also complements an already eclectic cast.

Although many film critics have repeatedly raved about the remarkable performances in this film, they truly are worth mentioning individually. Mary Astor plays Spade’s client, and Peter Lorre plays the elusive Joel Cairo.

Also worth mentioning is Greenstreet’s intense performance as The Fat Man, as well as Cook’s performance as Wilmer.

Director John Huston is not without responsibility for the success of this picture. His highly standardized (but immensely successful) use of the camera works impeccably with this film, which set the stage for many photographic techniques used later by other film directors.

Specifically, his use of the foreground as a central

point of reference in virtually every shot in the picture helps keep the viewer engrossed in the plot.

Although this picture is a remake, it is one of those instances where the tale is much better the second time around. As always, I am compelled to warn you to avoid the computer-colored version of this picture, especially since it will dramatically decay the nostalgic tone of the film. With that in mind, this is classic entertainment on every level. **5 STARS.**

* “Hudson Hawk”: 1941. Rated R.

Bruce Willis stars with Danny Aiello, Andie MacDowell, and Sandra Bernhard in this film about a cat burglar who is blackmailed into performing some robberies. In spite of a reasonably competent cast and marginally successful direction by Michael Lehmann, this film still falls flat due to an exceptionally weak and oftentimes confusing storyline.

Much of the problem here stems from almost a complete lack of character development. This prevents the viewer from not only relating to at least one of the characters, but also from even caring about their plight.

Willis’ character seems to spend the entire movie cracking jokes instead of delivering any dialogue of substance. Veteran Danny Aiello’s boredom with his role in this picture is also a derogatory and prominent presence.

Another aspect that hurts this film are the ludicrous goings-on, such as stealing art from the Vatican (of all places!). Other than a few assorted action sequences (which are filmed fairly well and edited succinctly), the film fails due to the aforementioned extraordinary character problems.

With the film devoid of any type of solid characters, there really was no hope for any other film attribute to shine through (for better or worse). If the audience doesn’t feel what the central character feels, nothing else matters.

Unfortunately, our main character comes off as anything but a person a film audience would be interested in. “Hudson Hawk” is nearly a Hudson turkey! **1 STAR.**

* “The Crow”: 1994. Rated R.

Brandon Lee, son of the late martial arts master Bruce Lee, stars in this dark and moody picture about a restless murdered spirit, Eric Draven, who seeks vengeance against his and his fiancée’s murderers. The film is typical and formulaic in that we get the whole vengeance-after-death story that we have seen many times before. The aspect of the picture that is unique is that this ghost is guided by a crow (thus the title).

Director Alex Proyas was clearly aware of (and certainly tipped his hat to) “Batman” and “Batman Returns” director Tim Burton when he adopted the dark and crime-ridden environment of this film (which is also based upon a comic book).

This was an absolute necessity, however, for the film to work. The film, unfortunately, is excessively gory and repugnantly violent at times, which (in this reviewer’s opinion) ruins the creative tone of the picture that is clearly present.

It is sad to note that Lee died controversially during the filming of this picture. Consequently, however, there was some worthy film magic that was born. Lee’s image was digitally placed in periodic and plot-determined scenes.

As a result of the tragedy, however, the film’s editing is a bit erratic in an attempt to balance out the story without planned scenes that no longer could be filmed without Lee.

“The Crow” is not a film that is for anyone who likes bright and sunny settings. The film is dark and gloomy throughout, with unmistakable (and quite potent) melancholic undertones. The artistic-minded viewer will love it, but the mainstream folks may shy away from the immense negativity of the picture. **3 STARS.**

* “PISANO’S PICKS” REVIEW GUIDE: **5 STARS - Extraordinary; 4 STARS - Excellent; 3 STARS - Good; 2 STARS - Average; 1 STAR - Watchable; 0 STARS - Avoid.**

Please send comments and film requests to “The Agawam Advertiser News,” Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Stage to present two youth productions

The show must go on and Stage’s productions will, while renovations are being done at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills.

Their first production is Teen Ensemble Theatre’s musical, “Give My Regards to Broadway” by Shubert Fendrich.

This light-hearted musical comedy is scheduled to run Friday and Saturday, November 23rd and 24th at

7:30 and Sunday, November 25th at 2:00.

The show, with music by George M. Cohan, is about a Broadway director’s brave attempt to open his WWI play despite the absence of his leading lady, financial woes, cast illness, and gangster intervention.

The second production, “The Dragon of Nitt,” has been rescheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 30th and December 1st at 7:30 only.

This fantasy comedy is about the adventures of a girl and her St. Bernard as they seek a stolen box of happiness in the forest of dragons and a witch.

Seating for both shows is limited and reservations are strongly recommended.

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Getting your just "desserts"...

I had a scrumptious pie some time back. This is the closest I can come to recreating it. It was a black-bottom caramel pie.

Start off with a chocolate cookie crust. They are very simple to make. Buy a bag of Oreos, eat the stuff out of the middle, and crush the cookies into powder. You add 1/2 C sugar and a melted stick of butter to the crumbs. Mix together and spread in a pie pan. (You can do it the easy way, too; just buy one at the store.)

Next, melt some caramels along with 2 TB butter and 2 TB cream in a double boiler. When combined, pour into the bottom of the pie shell. Next, make chocolate pudding and do not use the instant. To the pudding while it is cooking, add 3oz. of melted, semi-sweet chocolate bits (this will make a richer pudding). Pour the slightly cooled pudding into the pie shell.

Next, make a package of butterscotch pudding and pour over the chocolate. Before serving, smother it in whipped cream. You just went through all of this trouble to make a great pie; don't kill it by using a non-dairy whipped topping. Use real whipped cream!

Since we are on the "pie thing," try making sweet potato pie. Simply bake several sweet potatoes; wrap them in foil and bake at 325 degrees. (Make sure you have a pan under them; they will leak, and they are messy and will devastate your oven.) After baking, just cool and peel. Now, mash the potatoes and use just like pumpkin to make your pies. This is a nice change of pace and they are great. I like to make mine with a crust of buttered and salted toasted pecans across the top; after eating this pie, you might start whistling "Dixie"!

The next time you make a pecan pie, try adding a 1/2 C of kahlua to the egg and sugar part of the pie. Banana cream pie is so delectable and very easy to make. Simple start off with a good vanilla pudding. Add the sliced bananas. The crust for this pie should be made with ladyfingers or vanilla wafers. Crush the vanilla wafers, and add 1/2 C of brown sugar, a pinch of salt, and melted butter.

There is nothing like homemade pies to bring the family home for supper. It seems like we don't have supper together enough. Try making sure that the family gathers at least one night a week for Mom or Dad's "home cooking." Soccer, hockey, and swimming may be important to your kids, but that home-cooked supper eaten together is important to the whole family. Remember, listen to the "Food Dude": it's not what you're eating, it's whom you're dining with!

Check my websites at www.foodduderadio.com and www.springfieldsouthend.com, and send in your comments to P.O. Box 741, Agawam, MA 01001.

(Please help me out: I'm looking to do a little bit more about chili. Do you have a favorite recipe? If so, send me some recipes at P.O. Box 741, Agawam, MA 01001.)



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Sounds of Music Singers to host Holiday Concert

Richie & Kathy Mitnick and The Sounds of Music Singers are performing their popular Holiday Concert on November 30th at the Agawam Middle School to benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Parish Cupboard.

All canned goods collected that evening will be donated to the Parish Cupboard. The concert, sponsored by the Agawam Rotary Club, will be held at the Agawam Middle School located at 68 Main Street.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is two canned goods, plus \$3 per ticket, or \$5 per ticket without canned goods. There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets on selected items prior to the concert and during intermission with proceeds to benefit the Agawam Rotary Scholarship Funds.

Richie & Kathy Mitnick of Feeding Hills have performed throughout the area for over 20 years on organ and keyboard. Their wam stylings of the great standards and show tunes have won them many fans.

Several years ago, Richie and Kathy formed the Sounds of Music Singers. The group has been performing for the Summer Concert Series for many local towns and for dinner shows at venues such as Storowton Tavern and Yankee Pedlar Inn.

Performing with Richie and Kathy are Ethel Lee, Jessie Rivers, Connie Lind, and Tony Hartman. Jessie and Connie are former Ms. Senior Massachusetts winners, and have performed professionally for many years. Well-loved West Springfield DARE Officer Ethel Lee has audiences going wild with her great jazz and standard interpretations of songs from Ella right up to Tracy Chapman. Tony Hartman is the "Balladier." If you liked the velvet tones of Mel Torme



RICHIE & KATHY MITNICK (pictured above) and The Sounds of Music Singers will be performing their popular "Holiday Concert" at 7:30 p.m. on November 30th at the Agawam Middle School to benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Parish Cupboard.

and Andy Williams, you'll love Tony.

Last, but not least, is emcee/entertainer Rollie Jacobs. This dashing, well-known former TV-22 sportscaster is the "voice" at all of Richie and Kathy's venues, and adds great joy to the musical numbers he performs.

Get into the true holiday spirit with Richie & Kathy Mitnick and The Sounds of Music Singers! For further information, call 786-9150.

Agawam Community Artists to present Alice D. Smith

The Agawam Community Artists will present Alice D. Smith of Feeding Hills on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station in Feeding Hills.

Alice will present a program with a focus on Early American Decoration and will demonstrate an art form known as Chinese, or THEOREM, painting. Executed mainly on velvet or paper, the process involves applying tube oil paints through stencil openings with small, stiff brushes. Details are then added by hand with a fine paintbrush.

Smith has a BS in Education from Westfield State College, is retired Curator of Education from the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at the Quadrangle in Springfield, is a member, former Trustee and officer of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., and acts as the Consulting Curator between the Society and the American Folk Art Museum in New York City.

She is also a Decorative Artist with the National Society of Decorative Painters and is on the teaching



ALICE D. SMITH

staff of the Springfield Library and Museums School.

Smith belongs to many related organizations and has taught and exhibited throughout the area. She presently has a home studio on North Westfield St., where she teaches and works.

The program is funded partially by the Agawam Cultural Council. It is free of charge and open to the public.

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Education



Teacher Feature

First-grade teachers show students the "true meaning" of Thanksgiving

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

Two of the first grade classes at James Clark School put on a play for their peers, parents and their school for the Thanksgiving holiday with the guidance of their first grade teachers, Doris Early and Joyce Rheaume on Tuesday, November 20th.

The play was titled "A Native American Welcome," written by Sandra Widener and was chosen by Mrs. Rheaume, who is the one of the first grade teachers.

The play was about the first Thanksgiving, when the Pilgrims invited the Native American Indians to eat and share with the pilgrims and that started with the true meaning of the holiday, Mrs. Rheaume explained.

The play took place in the gym at James Clark School at 10:30 Tuesday morning, followed by a feast at 11:30 a.m. and parents, the other two first grade classes, Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski, and James Clark Principal Sandy Howard were all invited to attend this event. (There are four classes for every grade at James Clark School and Mrs. Early and Mrs. Rheaume's classes performed in the play.)

"This was a nice hands-on experience for the children to learn about the first Thanksgiving," Mrs. Rheaume said. Mrs. Early and Mrs. Rheaume both teach the two first grade classes and they agree they work well together on projects and often combine their knowledge to teach their students.

In the play, Mrs. Early's class participated as the Native Americans, while Mrs. Rheaume's class played the part of the Pilgrims. There were also speaking parts with narrator **Emerson Campbell** and other speaking parts played by **Thomas Barrows, Robert Garfield, Anthony Maynard, Mikaela Nicora, Kristina Karrasch, Brandon Decoteau, Elizabeth Hopkins, and Sarah Hopkins.**

"The children were all excited about participating and having speaking roles in the play," Mrs. Early, who teaches social studies to one of the first grade classes, said. "One little boy said he couldn't believe he was going to be in a play!"

With the current world events, both teachers agreed that it is important to instill in the children that people can still help each other and by performing the first Thanksgiving, giving students an opportunity to realize there is still good in the world.

"It's also good for the children to see two teachers working together," Mrs. Rheaume said.

According to both teachers, each of their first grade classes had to make simple hats, vests, headbands and beads to play their roles in "A Native American Welcome."

"The beads were given to the Pilgrims to show the

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FIRST GRADE TEACHERS at James Clark School **Joyce Rheaume (left) and Doris Early (right)**, with their first graders, put on a Thanksgiving play. Advertiser News photos by Kay Saltmarsh.



FIRST-GRADERS AT JAMES CLARK SCHOOL with speaking parts in the Thanksgiving play (back row): **Robert Garfield, Anthony Maynard, Thomas Barrows, Mikaela Nicola, and Kristina Karrasch.** Front row: **Emerson Campbell, Brandon Decoteau, Taylor Lunden, and Kaitlin Schebel.** Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

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act of kindness, as the pilgrims invited the Native American Indians to eat," Mrs. Rheume added.

Mrs. Early started teaching about 16 years ago and her education includes a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Massachusetts (UMass) and a master's degree in Special Education from American International College (AIC).

Mrs. Early said prior to teaching the first grade for the last four years, she was a sixth grade resource teacher for two years at Phelps School and with the assistance of Linda Morassi, they formed a program for Special Education students, called Developmental Learning classes (DLC).

"I enjoy the first grade students very much," Mrs. Early said. "So much change happens in the course of one year and I get the opportunity to watch the children learn how to read, handle math problems and become little writers. There is always something different, it is never routine. It's so rewarding to see how the



JAMES CLARK SCHOOL TEACHERS
Joyce Rheume (left) and Doris Early are this week's "Teacher Feature." Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

children start to grow."

"I love inspiring children to learn and I love watching my students learn, read and write," Mrs. Rheume said. "We work well together and share similar styles. There's never a dull moment and there is lots of laughter. The students are always surprising us."

Mrs. Early decided to become a teacher because she loves children, as she also worked with children when she herself, was in high school.

Speaking of children, Mrs. Early has one son who attends Georgetown University Law School.

Mrs. Rheume has been a teacher for 14 years and her education includes a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in Special Education from Westfield State College.

Prior to teaching the first grade at James Clark School, Mrs. Rheume worked at the Agawam Public Library and was a substitute teacher in the Agawam Schools.

Mrs. Rheume always wanted to be a teacher from

the time she was a student.

"I always loved school and learning and I liked teachers and wanted to be just like one," Mrs. Rheume said. "I also like being a teacher because it challenges the self and educates the self and I am always learning."

Mrs. Early agreed that she also likes teaching for the challenge and the constant opportunities to learn.

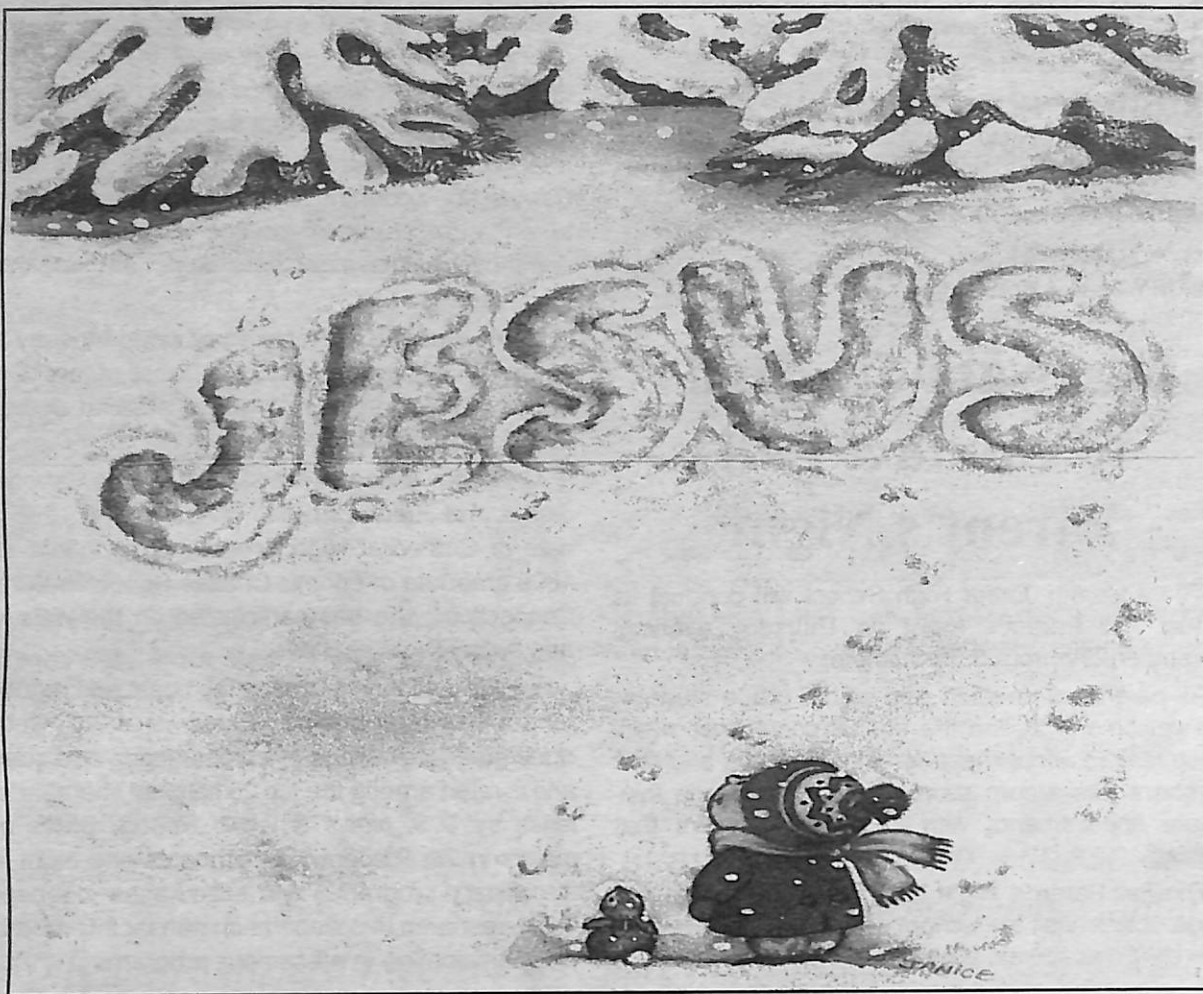
Mrs. Early resides in West Springfield and said she likes to read mysteries and solve crossword puzzles in her free time. She also said she likes to have fun and watch the TV show "Friends" on Thursdays evenings.

Mrs. Rheume is a lifelong resident of Agawam and has three "lovely" children, two boys and one girl.

In her free time, Mrs. Rheume enjoys spending time with my family and watching my daughter dance in competitions."

Mrs. Early told us it was Mrs. Rheume's idea to have both their first grade classes get together and perform the play.

In the past, the first graders put on other plays, including a student playing the role of a turkey and they made soup and goodies for a time to share with their families and with the school.



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Early Childhood Center's School Council agenda

DATE: November 27, 2001

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Early Childhood Center

1. Review of Minutes from October 23, 2001 meeting
2. Public Speak Time
3. Discussion of Council Members and Parental Concerns
4. Old Business
 - Parent Surveys
5. Field Trips
6. Budget Concerns
7. New Business
8. Motion to Adjourn

Agawam Jr. High to conduct Fall Parent's Night

The Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Fall Parent's Night on Thursday evening, November 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All parents of seventh and eighth grade students are welcome to attend the annual conference night, which features brief meetings with teachers and staff members. Classroom secretaries will schedule five-minute appointments with individual teachers that evening.

The Fall Parent's Night is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit the school where they may review their child's academic progress.

Elizabeth Christian participating in Study Abroad program

Elizabeth F. Christian of Agawam is participating in the Bates College Junior Semester Abroad (JSA) program.

Christian, a psychology major, is studying at the Temple University branch in Rome, Italy.

Students at Bates have the option of taking a semester or full year in a foreign country. Both programs provide them opportunities to study and conduct research at their choice of hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the world.

According to Associate Dean of Students Stephen Sawyer, the program director, the experience serves to enhance students' college careers by offering opportunities to live in other cultures and speak other languages.

Some students at Bates enroll independently at the foreign university of their choice, while others take the option of foreign-study programs at other accredited American colleges.

Christian, a dean's list student, is the daughter of James and Judith Christian of Agawam. A 1998 graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and a 1999 graduate of Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut, she has participated on the water polo and swim teams at Bates.

Located midway between the coast and mountains in south-central Maine, Bates is a 147-year-old undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences and is rated among the top 25 national liberal-arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*. Bates offers majors in 24 academic departments and eight interdisciplinary programs, and encourages independent study, research in collaboration with faculty members, and participating in off-campus programs.

Sixth-grade trip to Washington, D.C. is on for April 2002!

At the meeting that was held on November 8th, it was decided that the sixth-grade students' trip to Washington, D.C. would continue as planned.

The trip will be from Sunday, April 14th to Thursday, April 18, 2002. The cost of the trip, \$425, includes transportation, lodging, meals, and shows. Deposits of \$50 are now being accepted and should be written out to the *Washington Trip Acct.* and sent with the student's name, address, and telephone number to: Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Dr., Agawam, MA 01001-2735.

If desired, the students may participate in candy bar sales to help offset the cost of the trip. The trip deposit must be received before candy can be picked up. Fifty cents from the sale of each candy bar will be applied to the student's account.

Students who are eligible to go must be sixth-graders that attend Agawam Middle School or live in Agawam. They may not have any more than one "3" in conduct on their report card and no "4's" per semester. Our "special" baseball hat will be worn at all times by both students and chaperones for safety purposes. There will be no less than one chaperone for every four students.

There are no further informational meetings scheduled, so for any questions you may have about the trip, please visit our website at: www.geocities.com/dcsqt. If you have further questions, you may e-mail me at polfam@mediaone.net.

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*From The
AHS Guidance
Office...*

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Thanksgiving

Well, it's almost that time of year again when we roll up our sleeves, start making yummy and fattening delicacies, and get ole Tom Turkey ready for the table. But, I think there is a difference this year. I can feel it. It's almost palpable. More than ever, I am looking forward to sitting down with my family, to having them surround me at the table, to looking at them and just being thankful that we are all together.

September 11th certainly has put so many things into perspective. The tangibles are no longer so important to me; the intangibles are what count. I search for and cherish love, caring, hugs, pats on the back, and comforting words. I don't seem to get so upset if I have to wait in line at the supermarket or get caught in traffic. Yes, September 11th gave me a harsh wake-up call and made me appreciate the things I had taken for granted.

As I was driving to school, I started to muse about the things for which I am thankful. Although the list remains similar to the ones I conjured up in prior years, the various items are looked at a little differently this year, perhaps with more intensity.

I am thankful for my husband. He nurtures me, laughs with me, shares my joy and sorrows, and rejoices in my being.

I am thankful for my children. I have given them wings and now I am pleased with the flight pattern they have chosen. They are self-sufficient, self-assured, and able to grapple with the vicissitudes of life. They have chosen wives and a significant other who complement and complete them as people. I am thankful for these people, too. They are the daughters whom I have never had and clearly understand my female musings.

I am thankful for my three granddaughters who bring such unbridled joy into my life. I hug them, kiss them, play with them, and marvel at their growth and beauty. They are my future.

I am thankful for my job where I feel comfortable. My colleagues are supportive and my students continue to touch my life with their actions and stories. Dealing with them has been so rewarding and has enabled me to grow in understanding and insight.

I am thankful for my country. This year, "The land of the free and the home of the brave" has certainly rung true. I have never felt more pride in being an American.

I am thankful for my parents who gave me life. No one ever gave them blueprints on how to parent, but they tried their best to instill in me the appropriate tools to enable me to face the world with caring, conviction, courage, and clarity.

I am thankful for the men and women who have fought and will continue to fight to protect our country.

I am thankful for the firefighters and policemen who have shown such strength in adversity and have continuously risen to the challenge.

For life, for liberty, for education, for family, for friends and for the opportunity to exist in a free country, I am forever grateful.

As you sit around your Thanksgiving tables, may you, too, count your blessings and cherish those whom you hold dear. This year, especially, I know you will realize just how precious each one is.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

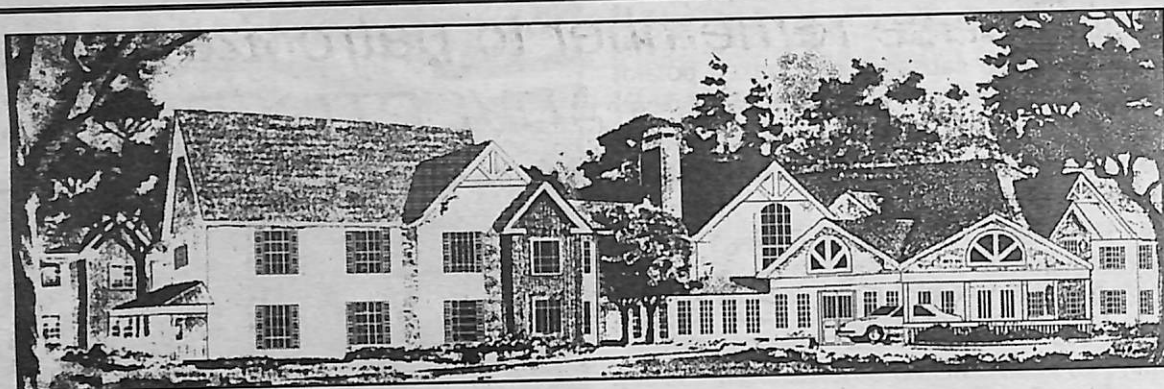
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Election Day Bake Sale at Phelps School



THE PHELPS SCHOOL PTO held its Annual Election Day Bake Sale for the voters of Precinct 5. From left: Nora Bruno with her daughter, Nina, Carolyn Groux, Lyn Bussiere, and Karen Vye. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

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Agawam High School

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Tues., Nov. 27th: "Blazin'" chicken patties on a roll in wrapper, buttered macaroni w/broccoli cuts, assorted chilled fruit, white cake w/frosting.

Wed., Nov. 28th: Five mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, warm dinner roll, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked cookie.

Thurs., Nov. 29th: Baked ziti w/extra cheese, warm dinner roll, garden salad w/dressing, assorted chilled fruit, assorted Jello w/topping.

Fri., Nov. 30th: Meatball sub on a 6" hoagie roll, individual Lays chips, vegetable of the day, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

Junior High School

Mon., Nov. 26th: "Sampler Basket" - 2 mozzarella sticks, 2 beef dippers, 2 chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, chips, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, assorted pudding w/topping.

Tues., Nov. 27th: Five French toast sticks w/syrup, two 1-ounce sausage links, baked potato rounds, assorted chilled fruit, peach crisp w/topping.

Wed., Nov. 28th: "New" - Fiestada beef pizza, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked cookie.

Thurs., Nov. 29th: Baked jumbo pretzel w/cheese sauce, buttered macaroni w/broccoli cuts, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked brownie.

Fri., Nov. 30th: Meatball grinder on a hoagie roll w/mozzarella cheese, individual Lays chips, vegetable of the day, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

Middle & Elementary Schools

Mon., Nov. 26th: Baked pretzel w/cheese sauce, buttered macaroni w/broccoli cuts, assorted chilled fruit, pudding w/topping.

Tues., Nov. 27th: Four French toast sticks w/syrup, two 1-ounce sausage links, baked potato rounds, assorted chilled fruit, peach crisp w/topping.

Wed., Nov. 28th: "Gilardi's" pizza round, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked cookie.

Thurs., Nov. 29th: Five chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked brownie.

Fri., Nov. 30th: Grilled cheese sandwich, individual Doritos, vegetable of the day, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

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Phelps 1st-graders show patriotism



FIRST GRADE STUDENTS at Phelps School recently gathered around the Veterans' Memorial on the green in front of the school in Agawam Center. In reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" and singing patriotic songs, the children remembered the veterans who served America. The classes were joined by veterans Neal Raison and William J. Miller (former Phelps School principal). Prior to the program, the children learned the significance of Veterans' Day, made booklets about the Armed Forces, and sent thank-you cards to those veterans confined at the Veterans' Hospital in the Leeds section of Northampton.



Bay Path College schedules open house on Dec. 2nd

Bay Path College will hold an open house program for prospective students and their families on Sunday, December 2nd, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on the Longmeadow campus of the private, undergraduate college for women.

Participants will tour the campus and attend two mini-classes of their choice as well as a presentation by a panel of current students.

Following lunch there will be personal interviews with the admissions counselors and, for those bringing transcripts, SAT scores and completed applications, the opportunity for a "same day" admission decision. Financial aid and scholarship assistance will also be available.

To register for the December 2nd open house and choose mini-classes, please call 413-565-1316; toll free, 800-782-7284, ext. 316; e-mail lelias@bay-path.edu; or visit the Bay Path web site, www.bay-path.edu.

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Sports

In state soccer semi-finals...

Late goals foil the game for AHS girls

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For about 73 minutes last Wednesday evening (November 14th) at Chicopee's Szot Park, Agawam High played Central Mass. (and eventual state champion) Wachusett High School as tough as nails in the girls' Division I state semi-finals.

After escaping one adventure after another in a first half dominated by Wachusett, Agawam stormed back to take the game right to Wachusett's doorstep for most of the second half, before Wachusett struck twice in the final seven minutes to take a hard-fought, 2-0 victory.

The loss ended Agawam's improbable tournament run that led to three straight Western Mass. Division I victories, including the 2-0 win over Westfield in the championship final. The Brownies ended at 13-5-4.

"We really had nothing to lose, and we played very hard. It was a great season," said third-year Coach Laura Wray-Ramos afterwards.

Wachusett used its superior depth (and combined it with size and great speed) to finally wear the Brownies down in those tell-tale final minutes.

Wachusett had been back-pedaling for virtually the entire second half, until the Brownies simply couldn't withstand the fresh legs and great speed on the wings being thrown at them by the Mountaineers.

The winning goal came with 7:13 left. It happened when one of those fast and skilled forwards, Andrea Comen, punched deep into the Brownies' zone and set up shop in the Brownies' goalmouth.

Comen received a nice pass from the lower corner of the box. She was not five yards away from sophomore goalie Megan Gloster, who had no chance on this one. The shot went like a bullet into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

Tired but still game, the Brownies attacked into Wachusett's zone and were awarded a direct kick from 35 yards out. Up stepped sophomore Amanda Janik, the team's leading scorer with the cannon-like shots. She unleashed a wicked blast that banged off the center of the crossbar, and the ball top-spun right out front.

Freshman Tiffany Manzi and junior Kaitlin Sardella were converging on the ball in one of those moments where everyone was holding their collective breaths. Manzi got there first, and she drove it just over the

DeCaro family receives AHS soccer award



MEMBERS OF THE DECARO FAMILY from Meadow Street, Agawam, were honored with a prestigious annual award by the Agawam High Soccer Parents at the boys' soccer banquet on Sunday, November 18th. The award, named the Jeff McCarl Memorial Award, is given each year by the Booster Club to someone in Agawam who has made outstanding contributions to soccer in Agawam. The DeCaro Family donated land behind their Meadow Street home for the creation of a full soccer field used by members of the boys' and girls' soccer teams at AHS (as well as players in the youth ranks). Besides donating the land, the DeCaro family also helped to construct the field and continues to keep it in tip-top condition; motorists traveling on Rte. 57 can easily see the field from both sides of the highway. The field was officially dedicated "Ed Brown Field" in October 2000 after the late Ed Brown, a long-time Pioneer Valley Soccer coach and Agawam High soccer supporter. Eddie Santaniello (far right), the 1999 winner of the Jeff McCarl Memorial Award, made the presentation to the DeCaro Family (from left): Joseph Jr., Joseph Sr., Maria, and Michael (a senior class member of the 2001 AHS boys' varsity). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Wachusett counter-attacked during the remaining few minutes of the game and got the insurance goal. With about 30 seconds to go, Comen flew down the left wing again and was rewarded on another goal that Gloster never had a chance on.

Most of that second half saw the Brownies finally getting to the ball first, and it resulted in a huge territorial shift in play. Senior midfielder Jessie Newalu again stepped up her play and was winning the battles at the outside midfield (which resulted in the Brownies bringing the ball deeper and deeper into the Wachusett end).

In fact, Newalu let go a devil of a shot midway through the half from 25 yards out that just flew by the left post. Two feet to the right and it was in.

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Annual football rivalry versus West Springfield...

Brownies-Terriers to clash in "Turkey Day" battle

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

While neither Agawam High (3-7) nor West Side High (4-5) has any aspirations for the playoffs, the Thanksgiving Day game on Thursday, November 22nd will (as it always has) be the culmination of a long, often tough season. "You win this one and things always seem to be all right," Agawam Coach Tad Desautels has always said.

Last year was very frustrating for Agawam. They had one win in 10 games. West Springfield went in at 6-3 and were headed for a Super Bowl berth (they lost to Leicester 20-7). Agawam lost that one - 17-14 on a 19-yard knuckleball field goal with 16 seconds left.

West Side plays in the Suburban League and there are tough teams in the Suburban such as Commerce and East Longmeadow. Agawam battles in the AA

Conference where the big dogs dominate, like Longmeadow, Central, Holyoke and Amherst.

The two teams had one common opponent this year - Comp. Agawam lost 28-14. The Terriers fell 48-24. Comp (7-3) is a Suburban League club.

West Side lost three players who were All-Western Mass last year and all of them were on the defensive side of the ball, which happened to be the number one defense in the Suburban league last season.

Junior QB Joe Clark is Agawam's outstanding player, with 15 touchdowns this season. He runs the Brownie's option offense with a great deal of skill. They've scored 155 points (15.5 ppg). Unfortunately, Agawam has had a tough time on the defensive side of the ball (241 points/24 points a game).

They lost captain Curtis Miarecki (broken leg) for the year and Clark, one of their best defenders, for a game. Defender Mike Piccin (broken wrist vs Amherst) was also out. So they were hurting there.

It's tough for West Springfield. You can't lose three horses without expecting the wagon to slow down. They've scored 128 points in nine games (14.2 ppg) and have given up 181 (20.1).

West Side's two main kids from last season are linebacker Nick Paier and linebacker Matt Fletcher.

Terrier Coach Carl Supino, a former AHS coach now in his second year there, knows how important this game is. "This is a big part of our program. We're aiming for a win. It will, as I know what a win would do for Agawam, make the season."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to the Code of the Town of Agawam, Article XIV entitled Personal Wireless Service Facilities and Towers, Chapter 180-97 as follows:

To delete Section 180-97 K. of the Zoning Ordinance in its entirety and substitute the following in its place:

K. In order to ensure public safety, the minimum distance from the base of a telecommunications tower to (i) any property line and/or street, shall be a minimum of the height of the facility/mount, including any antennas or appurtenances; (ii) all structures on adjacent lots shall be at least 375 feet; and (iii) all publicly owned parks and playgrounds shall be at least 375 feet. As used herein, "publicly owned parks" shall not include any municipal golf course. If, however, the applicant demonstrates to the Special Permit Granting Authority that due to any combination of factors relating to the land, such as topographic conditions, terrain, wetlands, vegetative cover and other existing improvements, a reduced setback is necessary, the Special Permit Granting Authority may reduce the setback requirement to not less than 200 feet subject to finding that the reduced setback will not result in a material and unreasonable safety hazard.

To add Section 180-97 O. as follows:

O. A different existing structure or use on the same lot shall not preclude the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on such lot. If a tower and its equipment buildings are the sole use of the lot, the tower shall be deemed to be the principal use, otherwise, the use shall be considered accessway.

A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Pee Wee Major Team wins hockey tournament in New Hampshire

The Springfield Junior Indians Pee Wee Major Team (consisting of boys ages 12 and 13) went to New Hampshire for a tournament the weekend of October 26th-28th.

They played five games in three days against teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Connecticut, and won all five to take first place in the tournament. Mike Dzioba, their captain, was given the MVP award for the tournament.

Their coaches are Denis Lessard, Rob Hendrickson, Marcel Frere, and Phil Dupuis. The boys on the team are from Suffield, Somers, Southwick, Westfield, and the Springfield area. They are Nick Merrill, Mike Sullivan (goalies), Josh Almeida, Mike Dzioba, Sean Frere, Mike Johnson, Tommy Munson, Brett Provost, Tim Dupuis, Ryan Lessard, Alan Hardina, Tim Goodale, Devin Sullivan, Robbie Hendrickson, Jeff Quist, and Ryan Michonski.



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Agawam gymnastics at sectionals...

AHS finishes second at Western Mass. Championships

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"The floor (exercise) usually wins you the meet, Agawam High gymnastics Coach Lindsey Hadden said earlier in the week.

And it does. The Brownies have won their share on the mat. But it wasn't to be last Friday evening in South Hadley as Westfield stepped up and beat the defending Western Mass champions 132.50 to 131.75. Hampshire was third at 129.775.

Agawam, the top seed, was not on top of its game in this one. Maybe it was because the Bombers, the number two seed, were at a heightened sense of urgency.

Even though Agawam beat them twice this year, Hadden had to compliment them. "They are a very tough team," she said of her team's chief rivals.

Andrea Babbin, Agawam's All-Western Mass star, won the all-around (she hasn't lost in that discipline all year). She won the vault and the uneven bars. She finished tied for fourth on the beam (maybe because she is so creative and that a front airborne flip is a skill Olympians work on, not to mention her 10-foot launch and reverse flip on the vault where she finished first). She finished fourth on the floor.

Westfield will be Agawam's main competition for the next year. Both teams are young and talented. Agawam might have had a chance if Mary Zajac had been able to compete. But the sophomore, talented in all the events was nursing a sprained ankle suffered in practice and just couldn't go.

Agawam still has its 38-match winning streak, which they'll try to improve upon next season.

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Janik and Manzi had Mountaineer goalie Lauren Matysiak down on her stomach, and both drove at the ball to pop it in on another scoring chance.

Matysiak was able to smother the ball before any damage was done.

Gloster was nothing less than spectacular in the first half, when Wachusett came flying out of the gate with wing-to-goal runs (especially down the right side).

Several of the Wachusett blasts sailed over the goal. But on at least five occasions, Gloster thwarted point-blank bids to keep the Brownies in the game.

Gloster's defenders - sweeper Amanda Blair, stopper Danielle Cirillo (again, playing with a badly bruised knee), and fullbacks Desiree Marsili and freshman Lauren Peltier - were under severe pressure in the first half but played brilliantly.

Cirillo was controlling the middle of the field and was able to use her ball skills to penetrate about 40 yards out from the Wachusett goal, and keep the pressure in that end during Agawam's strong second half.

BROWNIE BOOTS:

Blair, Marsili, and midfielder Jill Lawson are playing in the Senior All-Star game this Saturday (November 24th). Both Blair and Janik were nominated for the All-State Team.

Blair, Janik, Sardella, and Gloster were all nominated for the All-Western Mass. Team, and these same four were named to the Kurty-Fielding Division All-League Team.



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KRISTEN PATTERSON

Kristen Patterson honored at Springfield Falcons' hockey game

She plays soccer and basketball for American International College, but on Saturday, November 3rd, Kristen Patterson of Agawam was honored at a hockey game. Patterson, a senior at AIC, was named AIC Athlete of the Month and received the award before the start of the Springfield Falcons game at the Springfield Civic Center.

Once each month during the hockey season, the Springfield Falcons - in conjunction with AIC - honor an AIC student-athlete for outstanding performance both on the field and in the classroom. Patterson also received a plaque and was photographed with the Falcons.

In her first year at AIC, Patterson won a number of accolades for her achievements on the soccer field. She was named the Northeast-10 Conference Freshman of the Year, and as a junior she won Player of the Year honors. She has also been named both an All-New England Team All-Star and All-Northeast Conference All-Star three times.

Patterson will also lead the AIC women's basketball team this year as a co-captain. Already the all-time career leader in assists at AIC, she was selected for the Northeast-10 second team, as well.

Her college experience hasn't been all athletics. In fact, according to John DeBonville, AIC alumni director, Patterson has scored high marks in the classroom as well, with a 3.3 grade point average.

"Kristen is really a great role model for young female athletes. I have had the pleasure of knowing Kristen during her years at AIC, and I can attest to the fact that she is an outstanding young lady."

Patterson, a 1998 graduate of AHS, was a perennial three-sport All-Western Mass. performer for the Brownies in soccer, basketball, and softball.

Patterson opened the 2001-2002 basketball season for the Lady Yellow Jackets by pouring in 35 points in a season-opening tournament vs. St. Augustine College in Florence, South Carolina. The Lady Yellow Jackets faced North Carolina Central in the next round. Patterson is the team's point guard.

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KELSI L. WATKINS is shown with her winning Palomino/Paint, "Sweet Desiree." Kelsi is the daughter of John and Kathie Watkins of Feeding Hills.

Feeding Hills girls take part in 4-H Horse Championship in Northampton

Julie Parisien and Kelsi Watkins, both of Feeding Hills, proudly represented Hampden County at the Massachusetts 4-H State Horse Championship, held in September at the Northampton Fairgrounds.

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Julie competed with her Morgan horse, "Jacklee

Electra," and Kelsi competed with her Palomino/Paint horse, "Sweet Desiree."

Kelsi was awarded the High Point Championship in the Hunt Seat Walk/Trot Division.

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Girls' volleyball...

Brownies fall in semi-finals to Minnechaug Regional

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' "Cinderella" volleyball season ended on Thursday evening, November 8th, with a three-game loss to Minnechaug-Regional in the Western Mass. semi-finals.

It was, nevertheless, a fine journey for the Brownies, who are only in their fourth year of existence. They went through the regular season with a 13-7 record. A quarter-final win over Springfield Sci-Tech before the Falcons' loss saw them end up at 14-8.

The Brownies, seeded fourth, were in troubled waters against the Falcons, who'd beaten them twice in the regular season on the way to a 20-0 slate.

Coach Pat Demers started Amanda Brown, Kristina Midura, and Brittany Theriaque up front, with Ashley Marek, Heather Cox, and Erin Corbin on the back line.

Minnechaug went up 5-1 in the first game before Agawam began to get their range. Cox (on some good serves) and a kill by Amanda Brown narrowed the gap to 5-4.

Minnechaug got two more before a side out. Agawam, with Corbin (a senior) on the back line and another kill from Brown, came to within one, 7-6.

Then, after a Falcons' side out, Theriaque tied it at seven on her serve.

Minnechaug would get it to 9-7. Marek would get one back on her serve. But the Falcons, who have a bunch of very good servers, pulled away.

Agawam tried to close and came to within 12-9 on Cox's serve, which included a nice scoring tip over by Theriaque.

However, the Falcons took control and won the first game, 15-9.

Theriaque, Midura, and Brown were at the net, with



MEMBERS OF THE 2001 Agawam High girls' varsity volleyball team revel at their recent season-ending banquet. The girls reached the Western Mass. Division I semi-finals this season. Back row (from left): Assistant Coach Dave Maccio, Coach Patricia Demers, Erin Corbin, Amanda Brown, Monica Davilli, Lizz Gottardi, Kristina Midura, Brittany Theriaque, and Jenine Davignon. Front row: Heather Cox and Ashely Marek. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Corbin, Cox, and Marek behind them for the second game. Minnechaug, serving better as the match wore on, jumped out to an 8-0 lead. Brown served for two points to make it 8-2.

Minnechaug got it to 9-2.

Jennifer Sacco, up from the junior varsity, got a point for the Brownies to make it 9-3, Falcons, who then proceeded to serve themselves out to a 12-3 lead. Despite that score, the Agawam defense of Cox, JV "call-up" Jamie Cullen, Corbin, Theriaque, and Brown didn't fold, contesting every point against the tough birds from Wilbraham.

Cox and Corbin managed on their serves to make it 12-6, Minnechaug. Theriaque, on her serve with a kill from Brown, had the score 12-7.

Two more points on serve had Minnechaug up 14-7 before a side out brought Sacco to the backline. She

served for two, making it 14-9, Minnechaug. The Falcons only needed a point and got it to win game two, 15-9.

The fat was pretty much in the fire now. It would take a miracle for the Brownies to come back from being so far in the hole. Jenine Davignon, Monica Davilli, and Corbin manned the front line, while Brown, Cox, and Cullen backed them up. Minnechaug led 7-0 before some good serves and a big kill by Davilli

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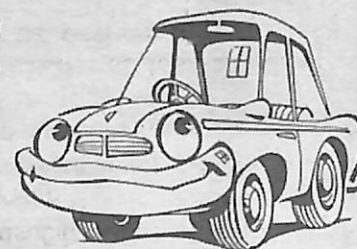
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Jill Gendron has big year on women's soccer team at Framingham State College

Former Agawam High three-sport standout Jill Gendron recently completed an outstanding freshman season for the Framingham State women's soccer team.

She was chosen as a Second Team All-Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference member in helping the team to a first-place finish in the conference with a perfect 6-0 record (10-6 overall).

Framingham State defeated Westfield State College in the conference championship tournament's semi-finals, 1-0, followed by a 3-2 victory over Bridgewater State College in the championship game. The game went to four overtimes before finally being decided on penalty kicks.

The team received an automatic NCAA Division III Tournament berth and was defeated by Williams College in the first round.

Gendron was a perennial All-Western Mass. short-stop for the Brownies throughout her brilliant career on the softball diamond. She helped the Brownies to the championship game last spring, and was also a member of a Western Mass. championship team as a freshman (where she played first base to begin her career).

Gendron was recognized as being the top softball player in Western Mass. in 2001.

She was a midfielder in soccer and a point guard in basketball for the Brownies to round out four outstanding years for the Brownies.



JILL GENDRON

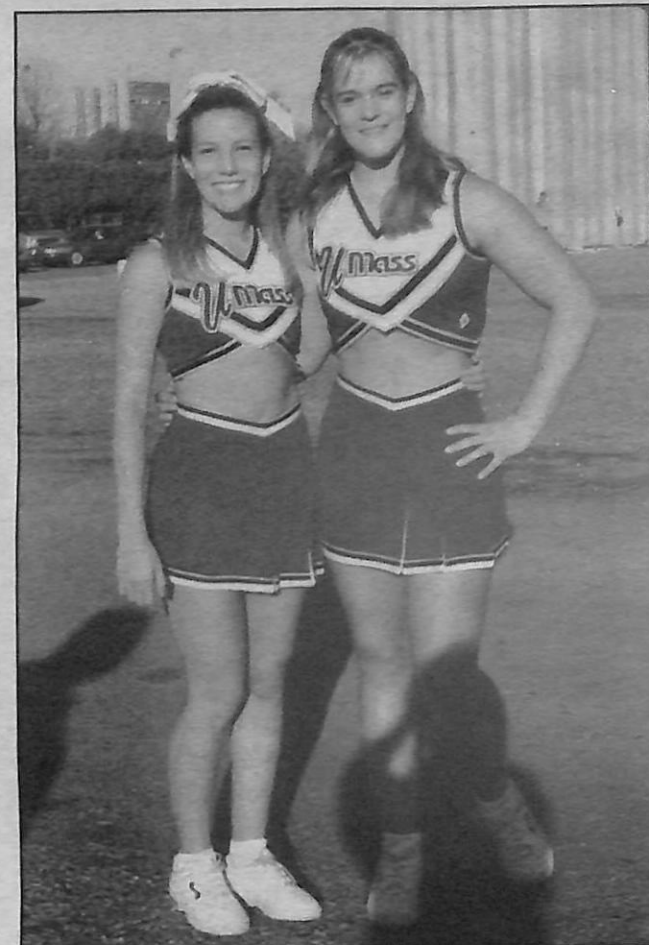
She is currently a member of the Framingham State College women's basketball team.

Gendron is the daughter of Ron & Sharon Gendron of Feeding Hills.

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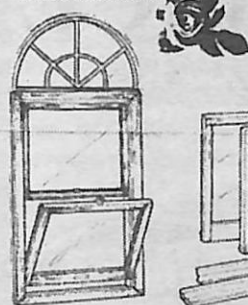
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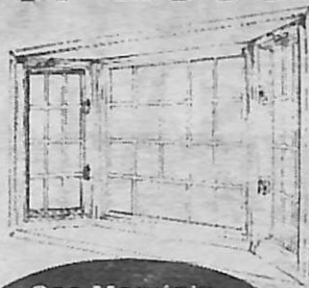
FORMER AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Lauren DeLuca (left) and Bianca Chase, members of the AHS Class of 2001, are now cheerleaders at UMass Amherst. Both Lauren and Bianca were members of AHS Cheerleading squads that won both Western Mass. and State Championships.

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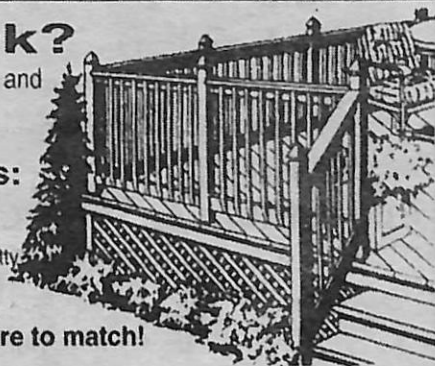
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brought the Brownies back to trail 7-4.

AHS was stuck on four, however, while the Falcons padded their lead into an 11-4 advantage.

Agawam's last gasp came from one of their best players, Amanda Brown, who served Agawam to within four at 11-7.

But it was only a matter of time, as the Falcons got the final points for a 15-7 win and the match. This victory led to a date with sixth-seeded Ludlow in the finals, which Minnechaug won in three games for the Western Mass. title.

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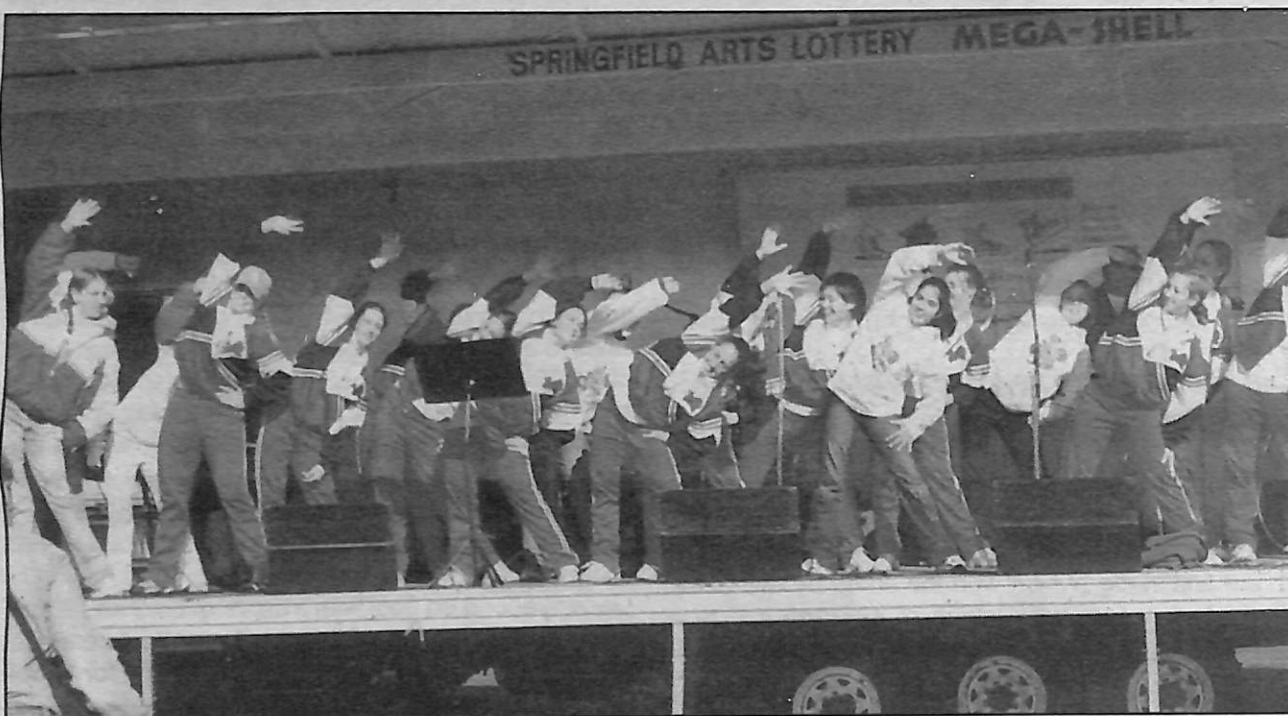
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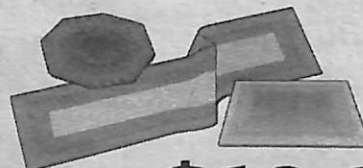
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In Tri-Parish Bowling League...

Notre Dame is the new leader after 2nd week of round two

By the end of the evening on Monday, November 12th (the second week of round two), Catholic University and St. Mary (both of which had been tied for first at 4-0 the week before) lost three points, thereby enabling Notre Dame to become the new leader of the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

ND got good bowling from Lucy "Not In Peanuts" Menard, who cranked out a 116 first string and finished with an even 300. Mark "Up" Edwards started with a 111, but couldn't keep it up.

Jon "Money" Robarge ran off two strings of 107 and 103 for a 317 total. Neil "Slippery" Severn hit a 108 second string and "Money" got his 103, but it was one pin short for the bye team (number three Fordham).

Fordham won over Catholic University, 3-1. Fordham bowled without anchor Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham and still managed to only lose one string, and that by two pins. Total pinfall was for Fordham by 29 pins.

CU bowlers doing well were zero, with Lance "Lightning" Poirier hitting a 100, 104, and 103 for a mighty 307 (almost losing to the absent bowler).

Holy Cross won over Georgetown, 3-1. Vi "Speedy" Massoia ran off a 119 first string to wind up with a 305 to lead the team. "Mighty" Debbie Poirier started with a 113, but she ran out of steam against her brother, Rich "Golden" Snyder, who finished with a 143 to total out at 380.

Marsha "Smiley" Dobbie hit a 100 second string against a 105 by John "Big Bad" Mlinek (the high scores for both bowlers on this night). For total pinfall, it was HC by 35.

In the last match, St. Louis ran over St. Mary, 3-1 (bowling on lanes one and two). St. L got good bowling from Jim "Jimbo" Lambert, who rolled a 310 with a 130 last string. Anchor Ron "The Don" Menard ran off a 160 third string to finish the night at 387.

For St. M, it was a 321 for "Jolly" Olly Muldrew with a 120 first string (which won the string by two pins). St. M had a good third string of 493 and lost to a whopper score of 561. The total pinfall went to St. L by 78 pins.

So, after two weeks into round two, the standings were:

Notre Dame	6 - 2
St. Mary	5 - 3
Catholic University	5 - 3
Holy Cross	4 - 4
St. Louis	3 - 5
Fordham	3 - 5
Georgetown	2 - 6
Bye Team	4 - 4

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Daggett girls show strength in gymnastics opener in Westboro, MA

The girls' gymnastics team from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics of Agawam traveled to compete in a sectional qualifying meet at Mass Gymnastics Center in Westboro, MA, on Sunday, November 4th, for their first meet of the 2001-2002 season. Daggett's brought their level five through eight groups. All age groups participated.

In Level 8, each of the girls placed in all events. Joy Higley of Suffield, CT, took an All-Around first in the 14 and older group with a 32.6.

In the 12 to 13 year-old group, Mia Yacteen from Westfield finished second All-Around with a first on floor and second-place finishes on the remaining events for a total score of 32.9.

For the Level 7 girls, Britany Bolella from Enfield, CT, scored a 9.0 on vault and 8.7 on floor to lead the 12 to 13 year-olds in an All-Around first-place finish, scoring 33.9. Diana Forbes from Agawam finished in second place with an 8.25 on floor and 30.2 All-Around.

In the 10-11 age group, Kristen Cadigan from East Longmeadow scored an 8.8 on floor and 8.4 on vault with an All-Around score of 31.6 for a fourth-place finish.

In Level 6 in the 12-13 age group, Nicole Eastman from Windsor, CT, led the way with high scores of 9.0 on both vault and floor for a first-place finish, and an All-Around score of 34.1. Nora Parsons from Suffield also had high scores in vault and floor, and finished third with a total score of 32.25.

Kelly Rayder of East Longmeadow placed first on floor with 9.1 and fourth on beam with 8.2. She finished sixth overall with an All-Around score of 31.45. Andrea Ouellette from Longmeadow placed fourth on floor with a score of 8.35, and she had sixth-place finishes in both vault and beam with an All-Around score of 31.05. Amy Damon of Southwick also competed, with her strongest event being vault. Ashley Watson of Enfield placed fourth on vault with 8.45, with a total score of 30.2.

In the 10-12 age group, Angela Oddo of Windsor Locks, CT, scored an 8.0 on beam with an All-Around score of 30.0. Kayla Levreault from South Hadley placed second on floor with a score of 8.45 and a total score of 29.9. Victoria Swanson from Westmoreland, NH, placed first on floor with a score of 9.1 for an All-

Around 28.9 score.

For Level 5 in the over-13 age group, Jessica Giller of West Suffield scored an 8.2 on vault and 8.0 on floor, which helped her to the All-Around lead with a 31.6. In the 9-10 age group, Sarah Vukalovic of West Springfield scored a 9.0 on vault and finished in third place All-Around with a total score of 31.5. Megan Anderson from Longmeadow had her best event in vault and finished in fourth place overall with a 29.5.

In the 7-8 year-old division, Sarah Lepore of Windsor Locks had high scores on floor (8.45) and bars (8.2), and finished in second place with a 32.1 All-Around score. Helen Humphreys from Suffield scored 8.25 on vault and 8.0 on bars for a third-place All-Around score of 31.1. Stephanie Pailange of West Springfield showed her best event to be the beam, and she placed fourth in the All-Around with a 30.45.

DAGGETT GIRLS COMPETE IN PILGRIM HARVEST INVITATIONAL

The women's gymnastics team from Daggett's Gymnastics of Agawam challenged the State's best in Charlestown, MA, on Sunday, November 11th.

The Pilgrim Harvest Invitational, hosted by Giguere Gymnastics, drew 51 highly skilled Level 9, 10, and Elite athletes together for a season-opener. The six from Daggett's fared well, taking third in the Level 10 Team scoring, following most notably Brestyan's American, who fielded a squad of 20 (including five Elite-ranked gymnasts).

Daggett's top performer in Level 10 was Lauren Powell, a senior from Feeding Hills, who took first on vault (9.05), first on beam (9.15), second on floor (9.15), and second in the All-Around with a 35.10.

She was followed by Leah Boccaccio, a senior from Enfield, CT, who placed fourth on vault with an 8.80 and fifth on bars, floor, and All-Around. Jen Stack, also from Enfield, took third on bars with an 8.75 and fifth on vault and floor.

In the Level 9 group, Christie Lee of Windsor Locks, CT, took a fourth on floor with an 8.60, and fifth on vault with an 8.40. Danielle Lee closely followed on vault with an 8.10.

Bri Lancour, a junior from Agawam, also placed fifth on vault and floor, scoring 8.35 and 8.25, respectively.

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U-10 soccer players compete in girls' "All-Star Game"

On November 3rd at Mason Field, the All Stars played against Dawn Parent's Agawam Devils (a Pioneer Valley travel team) in the U-10 girls' soccer "All-Star Game."

Even though the All Stars were defeated, 4-0, they all played a terrific game and had fun.

A big "thank you" goes out to Dee Adams, Dawn Parent, and Ray Francis for setting up this game.

Also, a big thanks goes out to the children who played for the All Stars (made up from five different in-town teams), and to the children who played for the Agawam Devils.

What's more, let not forget the parents who got the children to the game, as well as the coaches of the U-10 in-town girls' teams: Bill Scherpa, Joe Masciotra, Bill Coughlin, Ed Simone, and Lisa Marsh.

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The Springfield Falcons have announced that the next Parks & Recreation Group Night (sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department) is scheduled for Sunday, November 25th, versus St. John's at 4:00 p.m. There will be free skating after the game.

Your Parks & Rec. Department is offering one great discounted price ticket of \$7.50 for either adults or kids, with 50 cents of each ticket sold going back to your Parks & Rec. Department for other youth recreational activities.

All ticket purchases for the game must be made by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 23rd. For more info, call the Parks & Rec. Department at 821-0513.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE All Stars who recently played in the U-10 girls' soccer "All-Star Game": back row - Stephanie Scherpa, Samantha Hibbert, Miranda Dondero, Stephanie Karrasch, Melissa Marsh, Jessica Colson, and Felicia Coughlin; front row - Chelsea St. Laurent, Katie Albright, Laura Masciotra, Amy Hryniewicz, Colleen Lathrop, Meghan Coogan, and Breanna McLane.

"Over-30 Basketball" seeks teams and players

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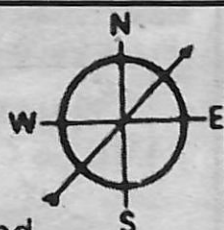
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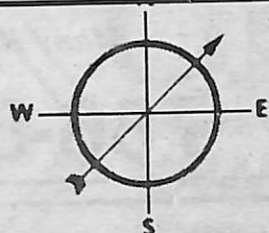
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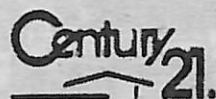
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